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Gujarat records over 62% voter turnout in first phase

Keen participation: Women waiting at a booth in Bhalgamda village, Gujarat, on Thursday. VIJAY SONEJI

The Hindu Bureau
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Polling concluded peacefully on Thursday for the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly election, with an average 62.89% turnout recorded across 89 seats in 19 districts of the Saurashtra-Kutch and southern regions, as per provisional data at 11.50 p.m. In the 2017 election, these districts saw a 65% turnout.

"The polling has concluded peacefully in the first phase," said Gujarat Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) P. Bharathi. According to the office of the CEO, voting was halted at a few places due to the malfunctioning of electronic voting machines and voter verifiable paper audit trail. The faulty units were replaced.

Tapi district in south Gujarat recorded the highest provisional turnout of 76.91%. With 73.5% turnout, Narmada district stood second.

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November GST revenues rise 11% from year earlier

State GST collections stand at ₹32,651 crore; Gujarat, Rajasthan, Kerala among six States to record contraction in revenues, while Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Bihar see healthy growth

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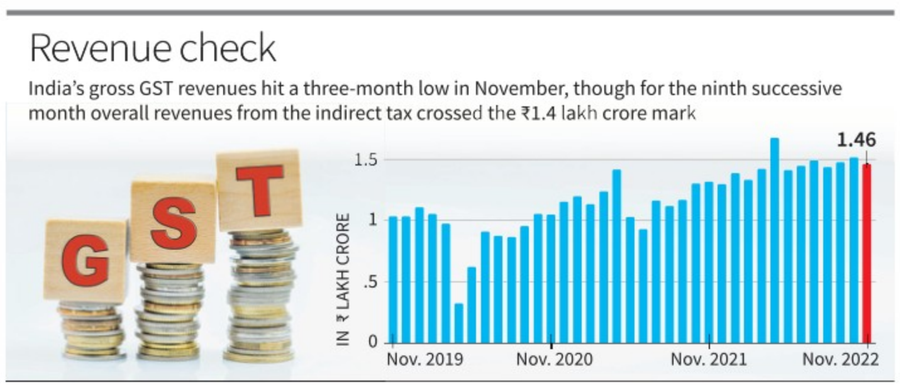
NEW DELHI

India's gross GST revenues were ₹1,45,867 crore in November 2022, 11% higher than a year ago, but nearly 4% below October's kitty. Revenues from import of goods were 20% higher while domestic transactions, including import of services, yielded 8% higher taxes than November 2021.

State GST collections in November accounted for ₹32,651 crore of revenues, while the Integrated GST kitty was ₹77,103 crore, including ₹38,635 crore collected on import of goods.



Compensation cess

GST Compensation Cess collections were at ₹10,433 crore, factoring in ₹817 crore collected on import of goods – marginally lower than the ₹10,505 crore collected in October 2022.

While November's GST inflows, based on transactions undertaken in October, mark a three-month low, this is the ninth successive month that overall revenues from the indirect tax are over the ₹1.40 lakh crore mark.

"The government has settled ₹33,997 crore to CGST and ₹28,538 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlements in the month of November 2022 is ₹59,678 crore for CGST and ₹61,189 crore for the SGST," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Last week, the Centre had released ₹17,000 crore as GST compensation dues to States.

As many as six States recorded a contraction in revenues in November, including Gujarat, Rajasthan and Kerala (-2%), Punjab (-10%), Himachal Pradesh (-12%) and Goa (-14%).

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2 leopards prowl on city outskirts

BENGALURU
Two leopards are on the prowl on the outskirts of the city. While one, which had been moving around the vicinity of Banashankari 6th Stage for the last 10 days, killed a spotted deer, another has been spotted near Chikkajala. » Page 3

NIA takes over blast case probe

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday took over from Mangaluru police the probe into the November 19 pressure cooker blast in an autorickshaw in Mangaluru. » Page 5

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

India's electricity consumption share grows to double digits

13.6 The percentage India's power consumption grew to 112.81 billion units in November 2022, according to government data. In November 2021, power consumption was 99.32 billion units. The robust growth of power consumption mainly indicates an increase in economic activities as generally, it remains subdued in November. PTI

GST collections grow in November due to more spending

11 The percentage growth in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections to about ₹1.46 lakh crore in November due to increased consumer spending and better compliance. This is the ninth month in a row that the revenues have remained above the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark. However, the collection in November was the lowest since August and four per cent below October collections. PTI

Decrease in stubble burning incidents in Punjab, says Minister

30 The percentage drop in stubble burning incidents in Punjab from September 15 to November 30 compared to last year, according to Environment Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer. Despite the Centre's rejection of the State's proposal to provide financial assistance to farmers to prevent stubble burning, cases reduced, the Minister said. PTI

India to resume work on unfinished projects in Afghanistan

20 The number of unfinished projects in Afghanistan, in which India will resume work, according to the Taliban team in Afghanistan. In June, India re-established its diplomatic presence in Kabul by deploying a 'technical team' to its embassy in the Afghan capital. India withdrew its officials from the embassy after the Taliban seized power in August 2021. PTI

DU internship scheme overflowing with applications

3,800 The number of applications from undergraduate and postgraduate students received by Delhi University (DU) for 110 vacancies in its paid internship scheme, according to DU Dean of Students Welfare (DSW) Pankaj Arora. The DSW office is facilitating the programme. PTI

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How will global layoffs impact India?

Why did many U.S. tech companies let their employees go? What are the trends on jobs, attrition, operating profit margins among IT firms like TCS, Infosys and Wipro? Why is the start-up sector already hurting? What will happen if a worldwide recession sets in?

EXPLAINER

K. Bharat Kumar

The story so far:

Over the past two months, a slew of U.S. multinational companies including tech giants Amazon, Meta, Intel, Twitter and financial behemoths like Citi and Morgan Stanley, announced massive layoffs. According to a global placement and coaching firm, the layoffs crossed 60,000 in September and October. These developments are bound to have an impact, on India's export prospects, especially in the information technology (IT) sector.

Why are layoffs becoming common?

Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai had warned of a coming winter in the tech sector earlier this year. In an all-hands meeting in September this year, one of his responses to staff queries on budget cuts was: "We don't get to choose the macroeconomic conditions always." A potential economic recession is a big red flag. With inflation soaring in most parts of the world, central banks have been scrambling since March this year to rein it in by increasing rates so as to make it more costly to borrow and consume. This will eventually affect economic growth and jobs. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cited forecasts for global GDP growth in both 2022 and 2023 as gloomy, given the pandemic and ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. Setting aside the 2008 crisis numbers, estimates for this calendar and the next by the IMF are the weakest since 2001.

What do U.S. CEOs saying feel about the coming months?

The Conference Board measure of CEO confidence showed top honchos in the West haven't been this downbeat since the 2007-2009 recession. The survey asked 136 CEOs what economic conditions they are preparing to face over the next 12-18 months. An overwhelming majority– 98% – said they were preparing for a U.S. recession; while 99% said they were preparing for an EU recession.

GETTY IMAGES

What is the outlook for the Indian IT industry?

The Indian IT services firms are among the largest employers in the organised sector and any global economic trend is bound to have an impact on their growth projections. Managements look at headcount numbers critically when they want to cut costs and protect profit margins as they are accountable to investors. Though there isn't a discernible trend yet, there are a few signs which may signal what is to be expected in the next few months. All top companies except Wipro saw a rise in revenue and net profit. Wipro's net profit slid 9% from a year earlier for the quarter ended September.

The attrition rates, or the number of employees per 100 quitting on their own, of the top two firms, TCS and Infosys, show that these rates are still high, which means that there is enough business for the sector for competitors to draw away employees with promise of higher salaries. At Infosys, the attrition rate declined marginally to 27.1% in July-September 2022 from 28.4% in the previous April to June quarter; at TCS, the attrition rate crept up to 21.5% in the July-September quarter from 19.7% between April and June. As for operating profit margins (OPM), Infosys saw its OPM improve to 21.5% in July-September from 20% in April-June, but both 3-month and 6-month OPMs had dipped compared to a year earlier; TCS saw its OPM rates rise to 24% in the three months ended September compared to the last quarter (23.1%).

Media reports have said that Infosys aims to pay out 65% of the variable pay to employees for the July-September quarter, compared with 70% in the April-June quarter, because of 'pressure on margins'.

What about start-ups?

News of layoffs in the Indian start-up front is predominantly in EDtech, or the educational technology front. A lesser share of internet users visiting educational websites since the decline of the pandemic is cited as one reason. The Indian start-up layoff tracker by Inc42 showed that more than 15,700 employees had been laid off in 2022 given tightening funding conditions. Byju's, Chargebee, Cars24, Ola, Innovacceer, Udaan, Unacademy and Vedantu are names that have been in the news for layoffs, according to Inc42.

What happened in India during earlier global recessions?

During earlier global recessions, while companies seldom publicly announced layoffs, they would all look to ease out staff who were lower down the performance ladder. Companies that were in a particularly bad patch cut bench strength. Then again, if a person was about a month old on the bench (i.e., without projects), he or she may have been asked to sign up for some training courses etc. If the professional spent more than three months on the bench and had not landed a project, the system itself would ease him or her out. What happened in the aftermath of the 2008 recession that stretched well beyond 2-3 years is that companies would start slowing down headcount addition.

THE GIST

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How do personality rights protect celebrities?

What are personality rights and how do they differ from publicity and trademark rights? Can indiscriminate use of a person's name on the internet be a violation of personality rights?

G. S. Bajpai

The story so far:

The Delhi High Court recently passed an interim order to prevent the unlawful use of Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan's name, image and voice. The court, through its order, restrained persons at large from infringing the personality rights of the actor.

What are personality rights?

Personality rights refer to the right of a person to protect his/her personality under the right to privacy or property. These rights are important to celebrities as their names, photographs or even voices can easily be misused in various advertisements by different companies to boost their sales. Therefore, it is necessary for renowned personalities/celebrities to register their names to save their personality rights.

A large list of unique personal attributes contribute to the making of a celebrity. All of these attributes need to be protected, such as name, nickname, stage name, picture, likeness, image and any identifiable personal property, such as a distinctive race car.

Are personality rights different from publicity rights?

Personality rights are different from publicity rights. Personality rights consist of two types of rights – firstly, the right of publicity, or the right to keep one's image and likeness from being commercially exploited without permission or contractual compensation, which is similar (but not identical) to the use of a trademark; and secondly, the right to privacy or the right to not have one's personality represented publicly without permission. However, under common law jurisdictions, publicity rights fall into the realm of the 'tort of passing off'. Passing off takes place when someone intentionally or unintentionally passes off their goods or services as those belonging to another party. Often, this type of misrepresentation damages the goodwill of a person or business, resulting in financial or reputational damage. Publicity rights are governed by statutes like the Trade marks Act 1999 and the Copyright Act 1957.

Does the use of a name on the internet affect personality rights?

The Delhi High Court in 2011 made an observation in the case of *Arun Jaitley vs Network Solutions Private Limited and Ors.*, in which Mr.Jaitley filed a suit seeking permanent injunction against the defendants from misuse and immediate transfer of the domain name www.arunjaitley.com. The Court stated that "the popularity or fame of individual will be no different on the internet than in reality." The Court decided in the favour of Mr. Arun Jaitley, stating that the "name also falls in the category wherein it besides being a personal name has attained distinctive indicia of its own. Therefore, the said name due its peculiar nature/distinctive character coupled with the gained popularity in several fields whether being in politics, or in advocacy, ...has become a well-known personal name/mark under the trade mark law which enures him the benefit to refrain others from using this name unjustifiably in addition to his personal right to sue them for the misuse of his name."

What about consumer rights?

While celebrities are protected from commercial misuse of their name and personality, there have also been instances where the consumers are misled owing to false advertisements or endorsements by such personalities. Due to such cases, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs has made a notification in 2022 to keep a check on misleading adverts and endorsements of consumer products by imposing a penalty on the endorser.

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Voters' data 'theft': Time for filing objections to electoral rolls extended

Election Commission says direction is after 'complaint and media reports regarding misuse of voter registration awareness activities, and alleged data capture by private entity in BBMP area'

A file photo of women standing in a queue to cast their vote at Shivajinagar Assembly constituency.

Fact sheet

- Election Commission extends the last date for filing claims and objections in the three Assembly constituencies Shivajinagar, Chickpet, and Mahadevapura
- Existing period for filing claims and objections was from November 9 to December 8, and it has been extended till December 24
- Disposal of claims and objections should be done by January 6, 2023
- The final electoral rolls of the three constituencies will be published on January 15, 2023

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the alleged voters' data theft case emerged in Bengaluru, the Election Commission, on Thursday, extended the last date for filing claims and objections in the three Assembly constituencies of Shivajinagar, Chickpet, and Mahadevapura, where the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, an NGO, was involved in alleged electoral roll manipulation.

The EC, in a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, stated that the direction comes after "complaint and media reports regarding misuse of voter registration awareness activities and alleged data capture by the private entity in the BBMP area".

According to the EC, the existing period for filing claims and objections was from November 9 to December 8, but it has now been extended till December 24. The final electoral rolls of Shivajinagar, Chickpet, and Mahadevapura constituencies will be published on January 15, 2023, the EC stated.

The NGO has been accused of collecting personal information from the public, under the guise of spreading awareness, by impersonating BBMP officials. The Congress-led Opposition has alleged that this was done in connivance with the ruling BJP government.

The BJP has, however, denied the allegations and launched a counter-attack alleging that the NGO was first given permission by the previous Congress government.

We are now uploading FIRs on official website, Lokayukta police tell HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police on Thursday told the High Court of Karnataka that all the First Information Reports, except in sensitive cases that involve process of trap and raid by maintaining secrecy, are now being uploaded on the official website within 24 hours of registration of FIRs. An affidavit in this regard has been filed by the Lokayukta police before a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi during the hearing of a PIL petition filed by Umapathi S., a city-based advocate.

The petitioner had complained that FIRs registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act were not being uploaded on the website by the Lokayukta police, after the power to investigate corruption cases was restored to the Lokayukta police after the High Court set aside the Anti-Corruption Bureau in August. The petitioner had stated that the Supreme Court had made it mandatory for all investigating agencies to upload FIRs on their official websites within 24 hours of registration.

Meanwhile, the Lokayukta police, referring exceptions carved out by the Supreme Court from uploading FIRs within 24 hours, have told the High Court that FIRs in sensitive cases are uploaded with some delay after the investigation reaches certain stage where the public display of FIRs will not impact further investigation.

The Bench disposed of the petition by recording the statement of the Lokayukta police.

Lokayukta to train staff in handling corruption cases in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta officials are getting trained to step up their game in anticipation of an increase in cases. With the abolition of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), the Lokayukta has been getting hundreds of cases that were pending with the ACB for eight years. The cases are in different stages of investigation.

A file photo of the Lokayukta office in Bengaluru.

The training sessions from December 2 will focus on handling cases from registering FIRs to taking cases to the logical conclusion, said Prashant Kumar Thakur, Additional Director-General of Police, heading the Lokayukta police wing.

Experts, including Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil, Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra, district and session judges, former DGP R.K. Dutta who headed the Lokayukta police wing, and senior officials of the police department will conduct the training sessions on the techniques and best practices to be adopted while handing corruption cases and raids.

The sessions spread over two days will cover how to investigate cases in which government officials are trapped, how to get sanction for prosecution, collection of digital evidence, latest technology on storage media and how to effectively investigate disproportionate cases, and assist the prosecution during court proceedings.

The objective of the training is not only sensitising the officials on the Prevention of Corruption and Lokayukta Acts, but also educate and train the officers on the latest technology and methods of investigation.

The Lokayukta has a total staff of 603 officials working across Karnataka against the sanctioned 735 posts.

"At present, we have 132 vacancies. However, with the allotment of 266 fresh officials and their deployment across Karnataka, the Lokayukta can work more effectively," a senior police officer said.

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I, PUNEET B.J R/O 604/16, Haware City, Thane Maharastra - 400615 have changed my name to Punit Kiran Upadhye. Vide affidavit dated 1st December 2022 sworn before Notary C.N. Kamalamma Mysore.

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AND: SMT. VIJAYA AND OTHERS. DEFENDANTS
NOTICE/SUMMONS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908
SUMMONS TO Defendant No. 1. Smt. Vijaya, Wife of Late Raja Velu, Age Major, Residing At No. 525, Phase III, Housing Board Colony, Sathvachari Road, Vellore 632009 Tamil Nadu. **Defendant No.2 Sri R. Rajesh Velu,** Son of Late Raja Velu, age Major, Residing at No. 525, Phase III, Housing Board Colony, Sathvachari Road, Vellore 632009 Tamil Nadu. **Defendant No.3 Sri R. Rahul,** Son Of Late Raja Velu, age major, Residing At No. 525, Phase III, Housing Board Colony, Sathvachari Road, Vellore 632009 Tamil Nadu. **Defendant No.4 Sri R. Raghavan,** Son of Late Raja Velu, age major, Residing At No. 525, Phase III , Housing board Colony, Sathvachari Road, Vellore 632009 Tamil Nadu. **Defendants 1 To 4** Presently Camped at bangalore, Care of Zameel Basha, residing at No.141, H.K.P. Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560005. **Defendant No.5 Mr. Jameel Basha,** Son Of T.M. Abdul Majeed, aged about 64 years, Residing at no.141, H.K.P. Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560005.
Whereas the Plaintiffs have filed the above suit against the Defendants for the relief of Mandatory Injunction, Damages and other reliefs with respect to the Schedule Property.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court CCH-22 either in person or through pleader on **02/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m.** to defend the above case failing which the matter will be heard exparte.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.5, formed in Madras sappers officers housing colony, Banaswadi Road, Corporation division, # 49, Civil station, Bangalore. Measuring: **East** to **West** [91+90]/2 and **North** to **South** 72 Feet Bounded on the: **East by** : Site No.33, **West by** : Site No.4, **North by:** Road and **South by** : Site No.35
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 24/11/2022.
By order of the court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil, Court, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiffs: **Giridhar & Co.** Office at No.1, and 2, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, Block, 9A, Off Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560020.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, K G FELIX, S/o. K J Varuthukutty, have lost the original sale deeds bearing document no. 4497/96–97, pages 1 to 5, dated 12–02–1997, and document no. 6403/97–97 pages 1 to 6, dated 29–05–1997, bearing FIR No. 0400413/2022, if anyone found the original documents please contact : 9847044804, Sworn before the Notary Seshagiri affidavit dated 30–11–2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to invite the attention of the general public that my client SRI. ALPHONES S/O. LATE SRI. B.P. CHINNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS, R/AT No. 142, OPP. KIMCO FACTORY, LINE HOUSES, MYSORE ROAD, BANGALORE-26 have filed an Appeal to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RFA No. 796/2020 challenging the Judgement and Decree dated 04/01/2020 passed by the learned Trial Judge in O.S. No. 1136/2010 for seeking partition in respect of below mentioned properties against his brothers Sri. James Alexander, Sri. Anthony Raj, Sri. Samson, Sri. Sethu Raj, Legal Representatives of late Kanikraj, Legal Representatives of late Yesuraj and his sisters Smt. Mary Victoria, Smt. Suguna Mary and Smt. Shati Mary **in RFA. NO. 796/2020 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RFA No. 796/2020 has directed the parties to maintain Status Quo on 07/07/2020. The snit schedule Properties are 1)** Property bearing No.319, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 measuring 2 acres 2) Property bearing No.307, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 measuring 80X60 feet 3) Property bearing No. 5, formed in old Sy.No.2, New Sy No.5 and 6 of Divatige Ramanahalli Grama, Opposite to Kimko factory, Mysore Road-26 measuring about 23 X18 feet attached to 30X30 feet 4) Property bearing No.307, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 totally measuring 7000 square feet 5) Property bearing No.307, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 6) Property bearing No.319, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 approximately measuring 3500 square feet 7) Property bearing No.319, situated at Kimco Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 approximately measuring 80X100 Square Feet 8) Property bearing No. 319, 307 and 5 situated at Kimko Factory, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26 approximately measuring 30X1000 Square Feet (Passage)
Therefore, the general public are hereby notified and cautioned that any transactions with his brothers Sri. James Alexander, Sri. Anthony Raj, Sri. Samson, Sri. Sethu Raj, Legal Representatives of late Kanikraj, Legal Representatives of late Yesuraj and his sisters Smt. Mary Victoria, Smt. Suguna Mary and Smt. Shati Mary or anybody claiming under them or through them in respect of the aforesaid properties shall be illegal, void and not binding on my client as my client have legitimate share in the said properties. Despite, this notice if any person/s does any kind of transaction/dealings in respect of properties covered under the aforesaid original case/suit they would be doing so at their own risk and cost and does not bind on my client in any manner subject to the outcome of the Judgement in RFA No. 796/2020.

SD/-
K.N SUBBA REDDY
ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES
#200, 11th CROSS, WILSON GARDEN, BANGALORE-560027

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
EX NO. 1436 OF 2022 (CCH-68)
BETWEEN: 1) SRI. A. KIRAN KUMAR, S/o. A Phaniraj, aged about 42 years, R/at No. 14/161(old), 14/233 (New) Kamalanagar, Ananathpur, Ananathpur District- 515 001 (A.P) Andra Pradesh. **2) SRI. MALLIKHARJUNA,** S/o. P. Subbarayadu, aged about 47 years, No. 21-206, Brahmin Street, Old Town Ananathpura, Andra Pradesh. ... **DECREE HOLDERS**
AND: Mr. M. MUNI REDDY AND OTHERS ... **JUDGEMENT DEBTORS**
Cause Notice for Judgment Debtor No. 1 to 6 U/O - V, R-20 of the Code of Civil Procedure
JUDGEMENT DEBTORS: 1. Mr. M. MUNI REDDY, S/o. Late Muniswamy Reddy, aged about 62 years, **2. Smt. TULASI,** W/o. M. Munireddy, aged about 46 years, **3. KUMARI. SUNITHA,** D/o. M. Muni reddy, aged about 26 years, **4. Mr. ANIL,** S/o. M. Muni Reddy, 23 years, **5. Mr. SUNIL,** S/o. M. Muni Reddy, aged about 21 years, The defendant Nos. 1 to 5 are R/of Bellandoor Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru. All are rep.: by their GPA HOLDER M/s Sindhu Developers, A Registered Partnership Firm, Having its office at No.2174, 15th Cross, 1st Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru. **6. M/s. SINDHU DEVELOPERS,** No. 2174, 15th Cross, 1st Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru. Rrepresented by its Partner Sri. K. Venkateshwara Rao.
Whereas the Decree Holders named above has filed the above Execution Petition seeking Execution of decree in O.S. No. 7951/2016 on the file of this Hon'ble court. In the above petition you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on **06-01-2023** at 11 'o' Clock to answer the same. Failing which the petition will be heard and determined as ex-parte.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Description of the entire property)
All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey No. 79/8, BBMP Katha No. 1147/1155/1236/79/8, situated at Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru east Taluk measuring 1 acre 38 guntas or 84.942 sq.feet converted vide order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District vide official Memorandum bearing no. BDIS. ALN.(E) VB.S.R. 70/200405, dated: 8.06.2004 and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belonging to Narayana Reddy and children, **West by:** Property belonging to Kooni Venkataswamy Reddy and his children, **North by:** Property belong to C, Ramesh, **South by:** Property belonging to M/s. Golden Gates.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Description of the undivided share hereby agreed to be conveyed)
644.79 Square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership of land in Schedule 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Description of Constructed Portion hereby agreed to be conveyed)
All the piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Plot No. 908 situated at 9th Floor, in Tower-I, Block-2, having super built-up area of 2002 Sq. feet constructed in the apartment building known as **"SINDHU AMEJAN"** walls to be constructed with cement and bricks, door to be made of hone wood, steel windows, with vitrified tiles flooring and to be provided with all civil amenities and together with on covered car parking area and with proportionate share in the common area, entrances, stair cases, passages, corridors, lifts, etc., provided in the "A" Schedule Property.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 22-11-2022.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
ADVOCATE FOR DECREE HOLDER:
S. Sudarsana Reddy, B.N. Jagadeesh Babu, K. Venkata Sudheer, ADVOCATES # 548/51/1, 1st Floor, Guruthman Park, Andal Temple Street, (Behind R.V. Teachers College), R.V. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

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A film's worth, a juror's conscience and a regime's agenda: The Kashmir Files case

Platforms like the International Film Festival of India should be spaces where dissent is celebrated. The makers and supporters of films should set aside political grudges and understand that artistic space does not shift overnight

Anuj Kumar

George Orwell famously said all art is propaganda. It is important to distinguish between good and bad propaganda. The novelist and literary critic's statement became relevant all over again as the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India suddenly came alive during its closing ceremony when the head of the international jury Nadav Lapid described *The Kashmir Files*, one of the 15 films in the international competitive section, as a "propaganda, vulgar movie, inappropriate for an artistic competitive section of such a prestigious film festival." Directed by Vivek Agnihotri, the film starring Anupam Kher, Pallavi Joshi, and Mithun Chakraborty is set against the backdrop of the targeted killings and subsequent exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits in 1990.

The film and the fallout

Mr. Lapid made the remarks in the presence of several dignitaries, including Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur who chose not to respond to the statement of the Israeli filmmaker during his address. The Minister perhaps respected that Mr. Lapid also said, "I feel totally comfortable to openly share these feelings here with you on this stage. In the spirit of this festival, can surely also accept a critical discussion, which is essential for art and life." At the same time, as the Ministry of I&B organises the prestigious Festival and appoints the jury, Mr. Thakur was in no position to counter the views of somebody who was speaking on a stage that was provided to him by the government.

However, the incident led to widespread outrage on social media, with people equating the criticism of the film with disrespect to the pain of Kashmiri Pandits and misuse of freedom of speech. In an open letter to Mr. Lapid on Twitter, Israeli Ambassador Naor Gilon said the filmmaker abused Indian hospitality and that it was "insensitive and presumptuous to speak about historic events before deeply studying them," and went on to even suggest that his remarks could jeopardise India-Israel relations. There were others who said Mr. Lapid spoke out of turn as *The Kashmir Files* did not win any award at IFFI and that he could have registered his point of view off-stage.

Beyond the emotional outbursts, if we look at Nadav's statement, it was not against the sufferings of Kashmiri Pandits who are still being targeted in the Valley. It was directed against a film that he felt didn't do justice to the subject. And, as a jury head, he was entitled to his opinion. He is not the first one. Many Indian critics while accepting that the film takes on the issue head-on have noted that the film consciously steers clear of ambiguities and complexities of a problem that has no single truth and that it lacks intellectual and technical rigour which is usually expected of a festival film. Moreover, it was not a comment on the quality of Indian cinema either as there were two more films from the host country vying for the coveted Golden Peacock. He specifically questioned the entry of *The Kashmir Files* in the list of 15 nominees in a competitive section. He didn't question the screening of the film as part of the Indian Panorama often showcases one film with popular appeal.

Cinematic/diplomatic parallels

Like the film in question, perhaps, the festival organisers oversimplified things. They thought a jury head from a friendly country that emerged out of the pain of the Holocaust would understand the plight of Hindus in Kashmir. But cinematic language is as complex and nuanced if not more than the language of diplomacy and the Indian and Israeli mandarins faltered by mixing the two.

Coming from a country that has a record of using soft power for political gains on the world stage, Nadav perhaps saw the presence of *The Kashmir Files* in the shortlist in a government-backed festival as a soft move to buttress the current Indian government's hard policy on Kashmir. The fact that the top leadership of the BJP openly backed the film when it was released earlier this year, provided him with a reason to be "shocked and disturbed." That also explains why he used the stage to put his point across. A simple background check on Nadav would reveal that his remarks were consistent with his work and action. In his films, the acclaimed Paris-based director has probed his relationship with Israel and his Jewish identity. It is not much different from Mr. Kher exploring his Kashmiri Pandit identity.

Nadav Lapid is one of the top 250 Israeli filmmakers who signed an open letter in September this year, saying that they will not seek funding from, nor cooperate with the recently established Shomron (Samaria/West Bank) Film Fund. The goal of the Fund, write the filmmakers, is "to invite Israeli filmmakers to actively participate in whitewashing the Occupation in exchange for financial support and prizes." After the Goa episode, he told an Israeli media house that he couldn't help but imagine an Israeli film like this in another year and a half or two.

In India, we have yet to see such a fund and the selection of films in IFFI was not in the government's control. In fact, *Siya*, one of the films showcased in the Indian Panorama section at the IFFI, is based on the Unnao rape case where a representative of the ruling party was convicted. However, it is also being observed that a series of films are in the works which are produced by people who show allegiance to the Sangh Parivar's ideology and are keen on using cinema as a medium to propagate it.

There is nothing wrong in pushing the agenda of a democratically-elected government for all art is political in the sense that it serves someone's politics. But as Nadav suggested in an interview it should not be too transparent that even a foreign filmmaker could see through it. That perhaps makes it vulgar.

Platforms for dissent

Also, be it some Academy members urging their fellow delegates to look at the torture-endorsing agenda of Kathryn Bigelow's *Zero Dark Thirty* before voting for it or Michael Moore's anti-Bush documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* winning the top prize at the Cannes in the election year, film festivals and award ceremonies have always been platforms for celebrating dissent.

The Kashmir Files notes that the government has changed but the ecosystem remains the same. The makers and supporters of the film should not hold a grudge and understand that artistic space doesn't shift overnight with the pressing of the EVM and that jury heads also love to share their man ki baat in public.

Once this journalist questioned Vishal Bhardwaj who also made a film on Kashmir called *Haider* about his leftist leanings and he said: "if I am not a leftist, I am not an artist." In an ideal world, both Vishal and Vivek can coexist and critique each other's work.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, Mr. R. Abdul Mubeen, studying in VIII standard in Madras Christian College Higher Secondary School, wants to know why 'founded' is used when the past tense of 'find' is 'found'."

"There are two different verbs; one is 'find' and the other is 'found'. The past tense of 'find' is 'found'; the past participle of 'find' is also 'found'.

I found him in the shop.

He has found a solution to the problem.

The verb 'found' means 'to establish'. The past tense of 'found' is 'founded'; the past participle also is 'founded'.

This school was founded in 1888.

A 'finder' is one who finds something. A 'founder' is one who establishes an institution.

If you find a man with a lot of money, you can request him to found a hospital in our town."

"Mr. S. Ramachandran of Quilon wants to know the difference between a 'seminar' and a 'symposium', sir."

"A symposium was originally 'a Greek drinking-party that followed the evening meal'. It is from Greek 'sym', together, and 'posis', a drinking. Drinking was accompanied by stimulating intellectual discussions. This is the origin of the word. Symposium is the title of one of Plato's works describing the conversations of Socrates. Now 'symposium' has come to mean a meeting where specialists present papers and exchange ideas. A symposiast is one who participates in a symposium. The plural of 'symposium' is 'symposia'. By the way, Plato's real name was 'Aristocles'. His friends called him 'Plato' because of his broad shoulders. 'Platys' in Greek means 'flat', 'broad'. Words like 'plate', 'platform' and 'plateau' are derived from this root.

"'Seminar' means a class of advanced students who meet for some special subject under the guidance of a teacher. Such seminars take place in universities. It also means 'a conference of specialists' where ideas are exchanged. Seminar is from Latin word 'seminarium', which means a seed plot, nursery. In Latin 'semen' means 'seed'. Now a seminar is a place of education, a school, a college or the like for the training of those selected for a particular profession. Specifically, it means a college for training persons for the priesthood. Seminars are expected to be more academic than symposia but these days there is not much difference between the two. In both there are discussions and their level is not different. However, 'seminars' seem to have become more fashionable than 'symposia'. Also, these days drinking is not 'restricted to symposia!"

"Sir, Mr. V. Jayaram of Mahabubnagar wants to know the pronunciation of the word 'harass'."

"The first 'a' in 'harass' is pronounced like the 'a' in man, tan and fan. The second 'a' is pronounced like the final sound in 'China'. The stress is on the first syllable. Let's stop here for the day."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Britney Spears was born on December 2, 1981. As the iconic superstar turns 41, here is a quiz on the princess of pop and her body of work

Abhinaya. K

QUESTION 1

Britney Spears has been nominated for a Grammy award six times but won only one time in 2004. For which song did she win the accolade and name the category.

QUESTION 2

A Mars lander, red bodysuit and heart of the ocean — all these elements feature in a popular Britney Spears song. In what is now a viral moment, Ariana Grande sang a small 25 second cover of the song on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. Name the song.

QUESTION 3

In 2001, the princess of pop joined this icon on stage for a special performance of the latter's song at Madison Square Garden. Who was the singer? Name the song.

QUESTION 4

The musical inspiration for the opening high-pitched string portion in Britney's 'Toxic' is said to have been from a Bollywood movie. The movie directed by K. Balachander features Kamal Hassan, with the song sung by the late S.P. Balasubrahmanyam and Lata Mangeshkar. Name the movie and the song.

QUESTION 5

Spears, Enrique Iglesias, Katy Perry, Jennifer Lopez and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Apart from being musical talents, what do these stars have in common?

QUESTION 6

This famous model performed 'Baby One More Time' during the Lip sync battle against Ricky Martin. Name the model.

Visual question:
Which year did Britney get the Hollywood Walk of Fame star?

GETTY IMAGES

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. 44 Dalits were burnt to death by landlords after launching an agitation for higher agricultural wages in this village. **Ans: Keezhvenmani**
2. Six Dalits (Madigas) in this village in Andhra Pradesh were killed by an attack by a landlord caste group. **Ans: Karamchedu**
3. In 2016, seven Dalits who were skinning the carcass of a dead cow were flogged by a group of people claiming to be part of a "cow protection group", in this city in Gujarat. **Ans: Una**
4. In 1995, this largely Dalit village in Tamil Nadu was subject to a police raid which destroyed the properties and appliances of the Dalit households. **Ans: Kodiyankulam**
Visual: This 26 year old PhD scholar committed suicide at the University of Hyderabad, after recriminations faced by him as a Dalit student activist. **Ans: Rohith Vemula**
Early Birds: Rutherson. S| Raibandi Ashwin Ratna| Aswathy A.S| Kartik Dora| Bijo Paul

Word of the day

Castigate:
censure severely

Synonyms: correct, chasten, chastise

Usage:
He was castigated for his offensive remarks.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/castigatepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈkastɪgeɪt/

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Residents worried as two leopards prowl on outskirts

While one has been moving around the vicinity of Banashankari 6th Stage for the last 10 days, another has been spotted near Chikkajala on the Kempegowda International Airport Road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two leopards are on the prowl on the outskirts of the city. While one, which had been moving around the vicinity of Banashankari 6th Stage for the last 10 days, killed a spotted deer in the Turahalli State Forest Area, another has been spotted near Chikkajala on the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Road.

Ravi Shankar S.S., Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bengaluru Urban Division, said that the deer carcass was found in the Turahalli State Forest Area, at a spot adjacent to the Bannerghatta National Park.

B. Govindaraju, Range Forest Officer, Kaggalipura, said that the leopard had most probably killed the deer on the night of November 31. "It is natural for a carnivorous animal to prey on a herbivorous animal in a forest area. The deer was most probably killed by the leopard on the night of November 31," said Mr. Govindaraju.

The big cat had been spotted in the vicinity of Banashankari 6th Stage for about 10 days and it had also killed a calf in the Somapura area.

Residents of the locality are worried about the movement of the leopard and want the Forest Department to capture the animal at the earliest. Many said that they have stopped going out for their morning walks. Besides, a number of schools are also located in the Banashankari 6th Stage, putting school authorities and parents on the edge.

The carcass of the spotted deer that was killed by a leopard in the Turahalli State Forest Area and (below) a CCTV grab of the animal at Banashankari.

Mr. Govindaraju said that residents should take precautions and avoid venturing out in the early mornings and late at night.

He added that two cages have been set up, including one near Omkar Hills, to capture the big cat. "Leopards are shy animals and they normally do not attack humans. However, precautions should be taken," he added.

Meanwhile, the other leopard which was spotted in Chikkajala has been moving around the ITC Factory. The movement of the big cat has been captured on CCTV cameras and efforts are on to capture it. "We have also set up a cage to capture it, which we should in the next few days. There is nothing to panic; we will rescue and release the animal in the forest area soon," said Mr. Ravishankar.

Wildlife biologist Sanjay Gubbi said the place where the deer has been killed is part of the B.M. Kaval Reserve Forest and leopards are also found in U.M. Kaval, Roerich Estate, T.K. Falls, Gollahalligudda, and adjoining areas. "These forests are further connected to the Bannerghatta National Park and hence it is natural to find leopards in these areas," Dr. Gubbi said.

He added that there is no need for people to panic if they take certain precautions. "Do not walk inside or on the edges of these forests at night, or go there to relieve yourselves. If you are walking in these areas after dark, it is better to do so with an accomplice by talking or by playing music. Leopards do not attack anyone and people are not their natural prey," he added.

Student killed in leopard attack in Mysuru district

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A student was killed in a leopard attack at Kebehundi village in T. Narsipur taluk of Mysuru district on Thursday.

The victim, Meghana, 21, was pursuing her degree course in the Government First Grade College in T. Narsipur. The incident occurred around 7 p.m. when Meghana ventured out of her house towards the agricultural farm. She was dragged for about 200 metres by the leopard which left her and disappeared in the thickets.

Her family members and local villagers who were alerted by Meghana's screams rushed to the spot and saw her grievously injured. Meghana was taken to the local government hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Elected

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Prasanth Kumar, CEO - South Asia, Group M Media (India) Pvt. Ltd., was elected president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India for 2022-23 at its annual general body meeting recently.

Mr. Kumar has over 25 years of experience across industries and was the vice-president of AAAI from 2020 to 2022.

Church members seek police protection during Christmas

Members of the Akhila Bharatha Christha Mahasabha submitting a memorandum in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Members of Akhila Bharatha Christha Mahasabha submitted a memorandum to the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police seeking protection for the peaceful celebration of Christmas.

A delegation led by Prajwal Swamy S, founder member of the Mahasabha, requested the State police chief to provide security cover to churches during the festive season, as the members fear they will be under attack.

"Since the enactment of the anti-conversion law, the Christian community is reeling under attacks and facing criminal charges. The community across the globe will celebrate Christmas from December 1 till new year, singing carols and conducting special prayers as customary practices. However, considering the present situation, Christians are apprehensive of participating in carol singing and visiting the houses of church members during night for good wishes as they may face attacks . Hence, we request the Director General and Inspector General of Police to issue necessary directions to the district police heads and jurisdictional police stations to ensure necessary protection to help the community to celebrate the festival peacefully," Mr. Swamy said.

He cited two recent incidents that occurred in Channapatna and Maddur where Hindutva organisations protested against the members for organising prayers and later filed a complaint with the police.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (December 2, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- How will global layoffs impact India?
bit.ly/techlayoffsemploys

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Members of Institute of Engineers join hands with BTP to decongest traffic

They share their technical ideas on creating traffic infrastructure to ease the flow in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A delegation of members from the Institute of Engineers on Thursday met Special Commissioner (Traffic) M.A. Saleem, offering technical support for traffic decongestion.

The members held discussions to share their technical ideas on creating traffic infrastructure to ease the flow, Mr. Saleem said.

Elaborating on the plan, he said that the traffic police identified 10 major junctions which are presently problematic and need immediate attention.

Apart from this, a few more junctions have also been added to the list to improve their condition.

The first in the list is Hebbal junction. Banning goods vehicles during peak hours has reduced 30% of the traffic problems and the travel time has been brought down from 20 minutes to 7 minutes, according to a test by the traffic police before and after the changes, he said.

Interventions in place and planned

- **Hebbal junction:** Banning goods vehicles during peak hours has reduced 30% of the traffic problem, and the travel time has been brought down from 20 minutes to 7 minutes
- **Goraguntepalya junction** needs redesign of the three-phased signal to two phase, so that the waiting time at every junction could be reduced
- At **K.R. Puram junction** there is some encroachment due to ongoing construction activities, which will be cleared
- **A free left turn road** has been introduced at the Silk Board junction to avoid traffic lining up from Bommanahalli towards BTM Layout
- **As far as** other roads are concerned, phasing out the signal lights from three phase to two phase will further reduce the travel time
- **The signal timing** on the stretch of J.C. Road from Minerva Circle till Town Hall has been reduced to allow traffic flow without a break
- **Zero tolerance** for haphazard parking on roads, and footpath encroachment; and regular monitoring of jaywalking to help the free flow of traffic

Different plans are needed for different junctions, he added. "Goraguntepalya junction, which is second in the list, needs reduction of phases in traffic signals to ensure faster movement and free flow of outgoing traffic. This needs a redesign of the three-phased signal to two phase, so that the waiting time at every junction could be reduced. Likewise, at K.R. Puram junction, there is some encroachment owing to ongoing construction activities, which will be cleared. A free left turn road has been introduced at the Silk Board junction to avoid traffic pile-up from Bommanahalli towards BTM Layout," he explained.

For the other roads, phasing out the signal lights from three phase to two phase will further reduce the travel time in a big way, he said.

Citing an example, Mr. Saleem said that signal timings on the stretch of J.C. Road from Minerva Circle till Town Hall has been reduced to allow traffic flow without a break. Thus, the travel time on the road has further been reduced.

Two boys suffer severe burns after being electrocuted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two school boys sustained severe burns owing to electrocution, after they came in contact with a high-tension wire while they were trying to catch pigeons in Nandini Layout on Thursday.

The victims, identified as Suprith, 11, and Chandan, 13, are residents of Vijayanandanagar.

According to the police, the duo are students of Government Primary School in Nandini Layout. After returning home from school, they went to play in the area and saw a few pigeons on the terrace of a house.

They decided to catch the pigeons and climbed the terrace carrying an iron rod.

Rod touched wire

While they were trying to catch the pigeons, the iron rod accidentally touched the wire passing on the terrace and they were electrocuted.

Residents, hearing their cries, rushed to their help and shifted them to Victoria Hospital.

One boy sustained around 60% burns, while another sustained around 40% burns.

The Nandini Layout police said the parents are yet to file a complaint.

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) officials visited the spot and conducted an inspection.

The police are waiting for a complaint to further investigate the case.

Two arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Vyyalikaval police on Thursday arrested two people, who were allegedly trying to cheat people offering to sell iron articles as antiques with special powers .

The accused, Mohammed Mustafa and Mohammed Mubeen, were caught red handed while they were waiting for customers. The police recovered an iron pot, a Nandi statue, an old coin, and a telescope, which the accused claimed to be antiques with a power to increase wealth.

Fifth convocation of Presidency University held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The fifth convocation of Presidency University, Bengaluru, was held on November 26 on the university premises, wherein 3,270 graduates – 2,534 undergraduates, 689 postgraduates, and 47 doctoral candidates – were awarded degrees. Thirteen gold medals were awarded to the toppers of different programmes.

Ashok Jhunjhunwala, professor at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, who was the chief guest at the event, informed the graduates that their learning does not stop here and asked them to continuously learn to learn, besides encouraging them to stay connected.

Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also the pro-visitor to the university, said the new education policy had opened a new horizon of unlimited opportunities for young students, according to a press release.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Riayaz Ahmed .A, S/o. Sri. Athaullah is intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. Jeyaram Thiyaharajan, S/o. Sri. Thiyaharajan, residing at No.10, T.M.V. Vellaisamy Street, Chockalinga- puram, Aruppukottai, Tamil Nadu -626101.

If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of their such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of WESTERN PORTION of residential plot No. 315, in the layout know as "DUO CITY" formed in Sy. No. 60/1, vide BDA approved layout plan No.232/2005 dated 25-08-2005, property bearing BBMP katha No. 297/315, situated at Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,. measuring East to West 25 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, total 1500 Sq. Feet. and bounded on: East by :remaining portion of Site No.315, West by :Site No. 304, North by: Road, South by : Site No. 314.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 25-11-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **SRI. K. RAMAJOGESHWAR RAO,** major in age, S/o Sri. K. Surya Rao, residing at No.1505, Lakshmi Nilaya, 7th Main, 5th Cross, Judicial Layout, Bangalore-560065, intends to purchase the below mentioned **"Schedule Property"** by getting a sale deed registered from its owners **1. SMT. NEETA VIJAY JADHAV,** major in age, W/o Late. Sri. Vijay @ Baba Saheb Ganpat Rao Jadhav, **2. SMT. BHAKTI VIJAY JADHAV,** major in age, D/o Late. Sri. Vijay @ Baba Saheb Ganpat Rao Jadhav and **3. SRI. ABHISHEK VIJAY JADHAV,** major in age, S/o Late. Sri. Vijay @ Baba Saheb Ganpat Rao Jadhav, all residing at No.1107, Sidh Om, 1st Floor, South Block, 14th Main, Sector-3, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. Any person/s, entity, firms, societies claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to the Schedule Property and or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, order/ decree/ judgment of any court, agreement or otherwise however to the Schedule Property shall file his/her/its/their objections/claims with true copies of documentary proof in support thereof, to the under signed, at the address given below within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. failing which, my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 1011,** in the layout in several survey numbers, situated at **Allasandra, Chikkabommasandra and Jakkur Plantation Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore** formed by the Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Bangalore, as per plan approved by the BDA, now comes under BBMP Ward No.04, Yelahanka, Bangalore and **Khatha No.1083/1059/1011** and bounded on:

EAST BY : Road,
WEST BY : Site.No.1026,
NORTH BY : Site.No.1010,
SOUTH BY : Site.No.1012,
MEASURING :
EAST TO WEST : 61+60.9/2 feet,
NORTH TO SOUTH : 40-00 feet,
Totally measuring **: 270-55 Square Yards.**

(K.B. NAVEEN KUMAR)
Advocate
No. 46/1, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross,
Brundavan Hotel Complex,
Sampige Road, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru - 560 003. M : 9591378500
Email: kbnsns@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client SRI. MAHESH M. JADHAV, aged about 39 years, S/o Maruti Jadhav. PAN No. AMHPS0753E. AADHAR No. 7275 5115 2230. Residing at Gangdhar Colony, 2nd cross, Shantiniketan Colony, Hubli, Dharwad 580020, intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **SRI. M. S. BALAJI,** Aged about 52 years, S/o. M. S. Srinivasa. PAN: AEMPB9329P. AADHAAR No. 7962 6336 9432. Residing at No. 218, 3rd cross, 1st stage, Brindavan Ext., Mysore 570020. The Seller came into the possession, occupation and ownership of the Schedule property by virtue of Registered Gift Deed, vide document No. VJN-1-06557-2021-22, Book 1, Stored in CD No. VJND988, dated 09.02.2022, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Vijaynagar, Bengaluru, executed by his brother Raghuram M.S. represented by his Special Power of Attorney Holder, sister Meera Srikanth. Any person/s claiming to have any charge, lien, interest, minor claims, rights, whatsoever over the Schedule Property may lodge their claim with the undersigned with original documentary proof **within 6 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the Schedule Property. No claims will be entertained thereafter and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Apartment Residential Flat No. 201, on First Floor (Front Portion), in the building Known as SHREE PRATHAM, having (approximately) 1110 Sq. Feet (3-BHK) of Super Built up area, along with one covered car parking space in stilt Floor, constructed on BDA Site No. 1584, situated at 1st stage, 2nd phase, Chandra Layout, Gangondana-halli, PID No. 40-184-1584, BBMP Ward No. 40, New Ward No. 132, Layout Formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, measuring East to West: 18.29 meters, North to South: 12.20 meters, in total measuring 223.13 Sq. meters (2400 Sq. Feet) together with 276 Sq. Feet of Undivided share, rights, title and interest in the land on which Schedule Property is constructed and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, lift & other areas of common use, Constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, Lift & other areas of common use & bounded on:

East by : Flat No. 202
west by : Open to Sky
North by : Staircase & Lift
South by : Open to Sky

Smt. Pallavi.K Advocate
No.21-25, Maruthi Pearl Plaza, DVG Road,
Basavangudi, Bengaluru 560004
Mobile: 9739831357

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
ELECTRICAL (TRD) BRANCH,
TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

1) Tender Number: **TPJ - TRD - 2022 - 2023 - 12;** 2) Name of work: TPJ Division - Provision of High Density Polyethylene mesh in Traction Installations to avoid bird menace; 3) Approximate value of tender: ₹ **1,30,45,812.48/-;** 4) Cost of tender booklet: **Nil;** 5) Bid Security: ₹ **2,15,300/-;** 6) Date & Time of Bidding: **12.12.2022 to 15:00 Hours on 26.12.2022;** 7) Date & Time of Tender Opening: **After 15:00 Hours on 26.12.2022;** 8) Period of completion: **Nine Months;** 9) Period of validity of offer: **81 days from the date of tender opening;**

NOTE:

1. The prospective tenderers / bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors / Contractors (E-Tender).
2. Contractors / Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3. Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022, Tenders received without Bid Security shall be rejected.
4. Kindly log on to **http://www.ireps.gov.in** for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the online bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.
5. All addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded on or before **12.12.2022,** in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regulary visit website to keep themselves updated.
6. Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, online through IREPS.

Divisional Railway Manager,
Electrical Traction Distribution,
Tiruchchirappalli

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GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436

No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/2022-23/40420-24 Date:01.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

PC- 1232 (short term): Manufacture, testing and supply of LT AC single phase 5-30 Amps Accuracy class1.0 whole current static energy metersas per GESCOM Specifications.
Dates: Bid documents available at e-procurement: on or after **02.12.2022,** Last **Date:16.12.2022,** Opening of Technical/ financial bid: **17.12.2022/19.12.2022,** Tender amount: **Rs. 793.90 Lakhs.**
Bidder Qualifying Requirement: As per tender documents (IFB): For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIP/Kalaburagi/905/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
O & M Circle Office, Building # 258/2,
Ayyappa Nagara, Hubli Road, Sirsi (U.K) - 581401.
Telephone No. : 08384-236968 Fax : 08384-236777
E-Mail : seesrs.hescom@gmail.com
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437

Tender Notification

The Superintending Engineer (Elecl), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Sirsi invites the following Electrical works in O & M Sub-Division, Kumta of O & M Division, Honnavar in Sirsi Circle in Uttara Kannada Districts. The work indents are as below for tenders on Total Turnkey basis through e-procurement portal.

Sl.No	Category	Indent No.	Package
1	Others	HESCOM/2022-23/EL/ WORK_INDENT5910	1

(1) Only Class-1 / Super Grade Electrical contractors can apply. (2) For further details please visit the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (3) For any clarification please contact this office during office hours.

DIPR/DWD/MCA/803/2022-23

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl), O&M Circle, HESCOM, Sirsi.

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Procurement Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:9448994705 Website: www.cescmysore.org Email:gmpurc@cescmysore.org

No.CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM (P-1)/2022-23/17322 **Date: 30-11-2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for Supplying of Single Phase & Three Phase static Energy Meters.

Sl.No.	Description of Materials	Enquiry No.
1	Supplying of Single Phase & Three Phase static Energy Meters for replacement of Electromechanical Meters with in Mysuru Circle CESC Jurisdiction	C2-5350/Call-2/ 21-10-2022
2	Supplying of Single Phase & Three Phase static Energy Meters for replacement of Electromechanical Meters with in Chamarajanagara-Kodagu Circle, CESC jurisdiction	C2-5351/Call-2/ 21-10-2022
3	Supplying of Single Phase & Three Phase static Energy Meters for replacement of Electromechanical Meters with in Mandya Circle, CESC jurisdiction	C2-5352/Call-2/ 21-10-2022
4	Supplying of Single Phase & Three Phase static Energy Meters for replacement of Electromechanical Meters with in Hassan Circle, CESC jurisdiction	C2-5353/Call-2/ 21-10-2022

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **01-12-2022.** For clarification contact help desk **080-46010000 / 22631200 / 68948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/724/2022-23

Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.

Government of Karnataka
HASSAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HASSAN
(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. Of Karnataka)
SRI CHAMARAJENDRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS, HASSAN-573201
Website: www.hims-hassan.org Phone/Fax No.08172-231699/231599
No:HIMS/TS/OS/ Group "D" Attender Service/21/2022-23 Date: 30.11.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only) www.eproc. Karnataka .gov.in

Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan, invites tender for Group "D" Attender services to HIMS Hassan from the Authorized Agency in two cover bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 Sl No:01 Tender Particulars:Group "D" Attender services EMD (Rs)6.60 Lakhs Estimated Cost of Tender: 440.52 Lakhs The Distributer can have access to e-tender documents form 03.12.2022 to 02.01.2023 through website: www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) as fixed by e-protal . Last date for submission of tender application is 02.01.2023 up to 5.00 p.m. For further details contact in the office during working hours or through website: www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/784/2022–23

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Div., Chitradurga.
NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1/TENDER NOTIFICATION: 31/2022-23 **DATE: 29-11-2022**

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER) KW- 3 & 4

Item rate tender in two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD (KW3) for the following work through e-procurement portal.

Work: 1) CONSTRUCTION OF CHECKDAM ACROSS BANDIHALLA NEAR BHIMASAMUDRA VILLAGE IN CHITRADURGA TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT (SITE NO-4) CALL2. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 89,27,251.90. EMD: Rs. 17900.00. Period of Complition: 03 Months including monsoon period. 2) CONSTRUCTION OF CHECKDAM ACROSS BANDIHALLA NEAR BHIMASAMUDRA VILLAGE IN CHITRADURGA TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT (SITE NO-5) CALL2. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 89,27,539.60 . EMD: Rs. 17900.00. Period of Complition: 03 Months including monsoon period. 3) CONSTRUCTION OF CHECKDAM ACROSS JINAGI HALLA NEAR TOREKOLLAMANAHALLI VILLAGE OF MOLAKALMURU VIDHANASABHA CONSTITUENCY OF CHALLAKERE TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 20169215.01. EMD: Rs. 303000.00. Period of Complition: 09 months including monsoon. 4) CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAM TO GARANIHALLA HALLA NEAR KYTHAGONDANAHALLI VILLAGE IN MOLAKALMURU CONSTITUENCY, CHALLAKERE TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 25000000.00. EMD: Rs. 375000.00. Period of Complition: 09 months including monsoon. 5) CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAM CUM CAUSEWAY NEAR BOMMADEVARAHALLI VILLAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAM TO HALLA NEAR YARAPHOTHAJOGIHALLI VILLAGE IN MOLAKALMURU TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 30000000.00. EMD: Rs. 450000.00. Period of Complition: 09 months including monsoon. 6) CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WALL IN R.SY NO-122 OF YADALAGHATTA CHALLAKERE TALUK, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 16839214.00. EMD: Rs. 252588.00. Period of Complition: 09 months including monsoon. 7) Construction of Checkdam and Recharge Shaft Site-1 and Site-2 near Kunabevu village in Chitradurga Taluk,Chitradurga District. Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 5175807.16. EMD: Rs. 104000.00. Period of Complition: 03 Months including monsoon period

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 09-12-2022 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 22-12-2022 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 23-12-2022 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 26-12-2022 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 27-12-2022 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

RO No. 728: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer

DIRECTORATE OF ESIS MEDICAL SERVICES
S. Nijalingappa Road, 2nd Block,
Rajajinagara, Bengaluru - 560010

No.: ESIS/EGS/04/21-22 **Date: 28.11.2022**

Tenders for supply of various disoposal items and suture materials on Rate Contract Basis

Details regarding tender visit	**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Department website https://esisms.karnataka.gov.in**
Pre-bid meeting at Office of Directorate of ESI Scheme Medical Services, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10	**03-12-2022 12-30 PM**
Last date of receipt of tender through e-procurement portal system	**17-12-2022 4-30 PM**
Tender received through e-procurement portal system technical bid opening date and time	**20-12-2022 11-30 AM**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Phone: 080-23324216 / 9343999903
Email: dir-esi@karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/LC/3324/2022-23

Sd/-, Director (I/C) ESIS Medical Services

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಜೋಳದರಾಶಿ ದೊಡ್ಡನಗೌಡ ರಂಗಮಂದಿರ ಹತ್ತಿರ,
ಡಿ.ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸು ಭವನ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.
ದೂ.ಸಂ: 08392–275751, E-Mail:dobcmbellery@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಹಿಂವಕಇ/ಅ.ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ/ಸಿಆರ್– /2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:30.11.2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಮತ್ತು ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಹಾರ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು e-Procurement portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುವಾರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1.Tender Reference No and date: **ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಹಿಂವಕಇ/ಅ.ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ/ಸಿಆರ್–/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.12.2022.** 2. Tender Notification Date: **01.12.2022.** 3.Amount put to Tender Amount and EMD Amount: **Taluk:** 1) Ballari: **Tender Amount (in Lakhs):** 594.60. **EMD Amount (in Rupees):** 891900. 2) Siruguppa: **Tender Amount (in Lakhs):** 203.97. **EMD Amount (in Rupees):** 305962. 3) Sandur: **Tender Amount (in Lakhs):** 94.07. **EMD Amount (in Rupees):** 141112. 4.Pre Bid meeting Date and Time: **12-12-20224.00 P.M.** 5.Sample submission date and time: **12-12-20225.00 PM.** 6.Last date & Time for submission of Tender: **14-12-20225.00 P.M.** 7. Date & Time of opening of Technical bid: **16-12-2022 11.00 A.M.Date & Time (Some Time) Changes Committee Will Decide.** 8.Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid: **20-12-2022 11.00 A.M.Date & Time (Some Time) Changes Committee Will Decide.** 9.Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication: **District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, D.DEVARAJ URS BHAVANNEAR JOLADHARASHI DODDANAGOWDA RANGAMANDIRA, BALLARI. Phone No.08392-275751**

Interested eligible Registered in e-procurement portal bidders can down load the bid documents with visiting the web site **http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- District Officer, Backward Clasess Welfare Department Ballari Dist, Ballari.

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH, AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF APG PREMIUM HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED WITH APG IMPERIAL HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CP (CAA) No. 46/BB/2022
C/w
CA (CAA) No. 17/BB/2021

APG PREMIUM HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED
Registered Office at Assetz House, 30, Crescent Road, Bengaluru 560001
...PETITIONER COMPANY
1/TRANSFEROR COMPANY

APG IMPERIAL HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED
Registered Office at Assetz House, 30, Crescent Road, Bengaluru 560001
... PETITIONER COMPANY
2/TRANSFEREE COMPANY

NOTICE

A Petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation of APG Premium Homes Private Limited (Transferor Company) with APG Imperial Homes Private Limited (Transferee Company) and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Companies on 23.09.2022 and the said Petition came up for admission on 09.11.2022 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 21.12.2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned below, notice of such intention, in writing, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocate, not later than two (2) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 09.11.2022

SAJI P JOHN
SPJ Legal, Advocates
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Convocation

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The 26th annual convocation of Ramaiah Institute of Management was held recently. According to a release, 172 students were awarded certificates. Dhananjaya V. was awarded the gold medal for academic excellence, while the outstanding student of the batch award was presented to Pooja Ojha.

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HIV test positivity rate in Karnataka on a declining trend in the last five years

The Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission programme was implemented in 2002 with emphasis on registration of mothers for antenatal care, HIV testing, among others

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The HIV test positivity rate (TPR) in Karnataka, which has been one of the top three States with the highest number of people living with HIV (PLHIV), has been on a declining trend in the last five years.

While the HIV TPR in women under antenatal care (ANC) has reduced from 0.06% in 2017-2018 to 0.04% in 2021-2022, in general clients tested at the Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres (ICTCs), it has dropped from 0.85% in 2017-2018 to 0.41% in 2021-2022.

According to data from the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS) in 2021-2022, 22,33,494 general clients were counselled and tested with a positivity rate of 0.41% and 12,45,905 women under ANC were counselled and tested with a positivity rate of 0.04%.

In 2022-2023 (till October end), 18,65,141 general clients were counselled and tested with a positivity rate of 0.41% and 8,37,709 women under ANC were counselled and tested with a positivity rate of 0.04%.

HIV Test Positivity Rate in general clients, women under antenatal care (ANC)

2017-2018	**0.85**% in general clients, 0.06% in women under ANC
2018-2019	**0.73**% in general clients, 0.06% in women under ANC
2019-2020	**0.61**% in general clients, 0.04% in women under ANC
2020-2021	**0.58**% in general clients, 0.05% in women under ANC
2021-2022	**0.41**% in general clients, 0.04% in women under ANC
2022-2023 (till October):	**0.41**% in general clients, 0.04% in women under ANC

Cumulative ART status
(from 2004 till October 2022)

Pre ART registration	3,73,317
Ever started on ART	3,06,167
Alive on ART	1,76,113
Deaths reported on ART:	94,315

Currently, 71 Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) centres and 303 Link ART centres are functioning in the State. Of the 3,73,317 cumulative number of HIV cases registered at ART centres till October 2022, 1,76,113 cases are alive and on ART. As many as 94,315 deaths of patients on ART have been reported so far. These include 2,841 children, according to data.

Targeted Intervention
KSAPS Additional Director Ramesh Chandra Reddy V. told *The Hindu* that the most effective means of controlling the spread of HIV is through the implementation of Targeted Intervention (TI) programmes. "KSAPS has been implementing the TI programme covering high-risk group population in all districts," he said. At present, the TI programme is covering 97,991 female sex workers, 43,629 males having sex with males, 3,192 transgenders, 2,234 Injecting drug users, 15,200 migrants, and 80,000 long-distance truckers.

Pointing out that the mother-to-child Transmission (MCT) of HIV is the primary route of transmission for HIV among children, Dr. Reddy said: "This transmission is known to occur during pregnancy, delivery, and breast-feeding period with equal frequency. It is estimated that without any intervention, the risk of transmission of HIV from infected mother to her child is between 20% to 45%."

In Karnataka, the Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) programme was implemented in 2002 with emphasis on registration of mothers for antenatal care, HIV testing, institutional deliveries, and continuum of care.

"The programme was a single pronged approach with administration of single dose Nevirapine to the mother during delivery and to the child soon after birth. This continued till September 2012 and the State adopted the WHO guidelines on PPTCT (test and treat policy) on the directives of NACO in all States since January 2014," the doctor said.

"The decline in HIV prevalence has been possible through aggressive ANC testing, public-private partnership, periodic reviews and data quality assessment, telemedicine activities and integration with Mother and Child Health programmes. We are gearing up to meet the goal of UNAIDS to eliminate Mother to child transmission by 2025," he said.

KSAPS employees not paid for last 2 months

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Nearly 1,800 outsourced and contract employees hired under the National Health Mission (NHM) at the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS) have not been paid their salaries for the last two months. These include senior medical officers, HIV research fellows, counsellors, lab technicians, staff nurses, and others.

This has led to unrest among the employees, whose efforts were lauded by Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar for bringing down the HIV test positivity rate in the State.

Veeregowda Patil, KSAPS Joint Director (Finance), attributed the delay to change in the accounting system.

'There is no dearth of funds. We will process the salaries in a week," he told *The Hindu*.

NIA takes over investigation of Mangaluru cooker blast case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday November 30 took over from Mangaluru police the investigation into the November 19 pressure cooker blast in an autorickshaw in Mangaluru wherein Mohammed Shariq, who was carrying the cooker, and autorickshaw driver Purushottam Poojari were injured.

A cooker fitted with detonator, wires, and batteries found during the investigation after an explosion in an auto in Mangaluru. FILE PHOTO

According to sources, NIA sleuths on Wednesday questioned Shariq, who is accused of carrying the pressure cooker that contained explosive substances and circuits, in the autorickshaw. Passers-by saw smoke while the autorickshaw was on the move, and the fire caused burns to Shariq and Pujari.

Shariq had sustained 40% burns and is not in a position to talk since the incident. The city police questioned Purushottam Pujari. Simultaneously, they gathered more information about Shariq and his activities while waiting for permission from doctors to confront Shariq about the incident.

On Wednesday evening, NIA sleuths took over the investigation and visited the hospital where Shariq is undergoing treatment. Following permission from doctors, the NIA sleuths had briefly questioned Shariq, sources said.

Shariq was earlier arrested by Mangaluru police in connection with two cases registered for communally sensitive and anti-national graffiti that had come up at two places in the city in November 2020.

A case was registered in Shivamogga too. He obtained bail and got involved with terrorist activities, the police added.

Residents oppose construction of Namma Clinic inside public park

Bharath Gowda B.R. and Harshitha
BENGALURU

Residents of Subramanyanagar near Malleswaram are opposing the construction of a Namma Clinic, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) initiative to provide medical facilities, inside a public park.

Around 50 residents of the area have signed a petition to the civic body opposing construction of the Namma Clinic. Namrutha, a resident of Subramanyanagar, said that as per BBMP guidelines and bylaws, no construction should take place inside a public park, except for washrooms and drinking water dispensers. "There is a risk of people who go to the park carrying infections by pathogens and other biohazardous waste that would be produced by the clinic," she added.

BBMP officials explained that the clinic would not be inside the park, but would take up some space in a corner of the park, which would not hinder passers-by. BHARATH GOWDA B.R.

Manjunath B.M., another resident, said, "Many people walk and exercise in the park. We are not opposing construction of the clinic, only construction of the clinic inside the park."

BBMP officials explained that the clinic would not be inside the park, but would take up some space in a corner of the park, which would not hinder passers-by.

A BBMP official said, "Since this initiative would help immediate accessibility to first aid and other medical facilities, the residents, especially the older population, are in favour of this initiative as they use the premises of the park more often."

A new chapter in the life of police stations

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Susan Shivu visited the Koramangala police station recently to file a complaint after she lost her purse containing cash and ornaments. While waiting there, she was surprised to see a library in the police station with racks brimming with books. Ms. Shivu spent her waiting time reading books and newspapers.

The library in Koramangala police station. DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.

The police, on November 1, which is also celebrated as Karnataka Rajyotsava, opened a library as part of their community-outreach initiative to make police stations more citizen-friendly and welcoming.

The initiative is the brainchild of C.K. Baba, DCP (South East), who started the libraries in five police stations in his jurisdiction: Hulimavu, Koramangala, Electronics City, Mico Layout, and HSR Layout. Plans are afoot to start them in another 9 stations under his jurisdiction.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Shivu said, "This is a very good initiative that the police have taken up. By setting up the library, police are respecting the people and their time when we are here to file complaints and waiting for other procedures."

The police have subscribed to various Kannada and English newspapers and magazines. They have also crowdsourced books from residents of the area, thereby enabling community outreach. The police themselves have contributed books from their personal collections.

"The idea behind the library initiative is to ensure that we bridge the gap between the public and the police. As you all are aware, entry to the police station comes with a certain level of anxiety or fear among the people. Whenever we meet the public, we hear from them that there is a certain level of reluctance to visit police stations. Hence, to ensure that this fear goes away from people's minds, we decided to make our police stations a friendly place to visit. To make it possible, we have set up the library," Mr. Baba explained.

The library is accessible to anyone who is interested in reading, and the department is also in touch with non-government organisations and senior citizens to donate books to share knowledge. At each police station, police have put up book racks along with chairs and a reading table at the entrance.

Joejegathesh, another resident of the area, said, "When I heard about a library in a police station, I was really wondering how it is possible. I think the concept of a library in a police station makes the police station citizen-friendly and this initiative is a model to be implemented across the state and country."

Apart from the general public, the police personnel can also read books whenever they are free, which, according to Mr. Baba, develops reading habits among the police personnel.

"Our police personnel are also developing a habit to pick up reading after the library is set up and it is one of the best ways to de-stress amidst their hectic work at the police stations. Our personnel will also improve their vocabulary from reading books," Mr Baba said.

Mr. Baba also feels that this initiative would also help the department to erase the negative image associated with visiting a police station.

The library initiative is also part of the "Hello Neighbour" campaign, which aims to help the beat police build a rapport with the residents, launched a few years ago.

At Bandepalya station, visitors can leave feedback

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The feedback form asks visitor to rate the officer and comment on the experience of visit

The police have been trying different methods to make the image of its personnel and stations more people-friendly, and the latest on that front is the introduction of a feedback form for those visiting the Bandepalya station in the South East Division.

Launched by inspector Rajesh L.Y. in February this year, the police are hoping that it will help to redress issues and resolve the problems of the people without delay.

"Through this initiative, the person will not only be directed to the officer concerned to handle the issue without delay, but the feedback form will also have details of the waiting time to meet the officer, the name of the officer, etc.," said a police officer.

The form also asks the visitor to rate the officer s/he met on a scale of 1 to 5 and comment on the experience of the visit, mentioning the name of the officer and rank. The form is then analysed by the station house officer to take steps to improvise and reward the officials suitably.

Its all started when a friend of a police officer, who visited the station, discussed about how the police in other stations made him run around for two days to register a bike theft case.

He asked the officer why they could not do something to provide immediate help to the victims who rush to the station in emergency. The discussion gave an idea on the feedback form for self appraisal.

Based on the feedback and ratings, the station will have a "fortnight star", where a photo of the personnel who got the highest rating will be put up on the 'wall of fame'. This is to motivate others to treat the visitors and help them in all possible ways.

People who have visited the station have put it up on social media. Raghavendra H.S., part of a city NGO, said: "I was surprised when I visited the Bandepalya police station to raise a complaint. Feedback was collected from me in a form. It's interesting and helps to prevent corruption and build trust in police. This helps for a quick response and prevent undue delays. I strongly suggest that such methods are be adopted in all government offices which helps public at large".

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The invisible minority wants basic rights, not softer or politer name

Jargons like diversity and inclusion, while important in the conversation about disability rights, also run the risk or remaining mere catchphrases with a shelf life

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What to avoid
What to say
Disabled, differently abled/challenged, specially abled/ challenged
Person with disabilities or disabled person
Mentally challenged, mentally retarded
Person with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Spastic
Person with cerebral palsy
Autistic
Person with autism spectrum disorder
Handicapped, crippled, invalid
Disabled person, person with physical disability
The blind, visually challenged
Person with visual impairment; blind people; partially sighted people
The deaf, deaf and dumb
Person with hearing impairment, deaf person or deaf-mute
Mental patient, insane, mad
Person with a mental health condition
Dwarf, midget
Person with dwarfism, restricted growth or short stature
Abled-bodied, normal
Non-disabled, average, typical, neurotypical

Things to remember

- Use person-first language
- Allow the disabled person to self-identify
- Speak directly to a disabled person, even if they have an interpreter or companion with them
- Use a normal tone of voice, don't patronise or talk down
- Do not use ableist language like lame excuse, turn a blind eye to, blind drunk, that's plain crazy, not a leg to stand on, deaf to our pleas, etc.
- Don't be too politically correct or super-sensitive to the language, and fail to engage with the real issues

Source: UK government, United Nations Disability Inclusive Language Guidelines

Nalme Nachiyar
BENGALURU

When Gitanjali Govindarajan, educator and Director of Snehadhara, a city-based NGO, took a group of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs) on a visit to the Gollahalli railway station last month, little did she know the group would not only be denied entry, but would also be threatened with physical harm by officials at the station.

The episode, captured on video by the NGO, soon went viral, highlighting the discrimination that persons with disabilities (PwDs) continue to face as a result of lack of sensitivity and awareness. It also underscored the importance of language when engaging with people from marginalised communities.

"When we talk of communities that are underrepresented or discriminated against, language plays a key role. Bracketing children with IDDs under the term "mental retardation" (also an inappropriate term) may not be a fair representation because we are talking about 'diverse learning groups'. More importantly, we must remember they are ultimately just children who learn differently," says Dr. Govindarajan.

December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities

'People-first' language

Arman Ali, Executive Director, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) agrees that we must definitely do away with terms like retard, cripple or wheelchair bound. "A wheelchair is very enabling and I use one myself. If you take that away from me, it creates a lot of trauma navigating a highly inaccessible country like India," he says.

The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy and disability rights activists advocate the widely accepted "people-first" language for referring to PwDs. People-first language emphasises the person, not the disability, such as a person with dwarfism, person with autism, person with paraplegia. Not a dwarf, an autistic or a paraplegic.

Terminologies, Mr. Ali believes, also matter a lot to state facts. For instance, the term "persons with disabilities" is well-accepted in India and is even encoded in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. However, in countries like the UK, "disabled people" is a more preferred term as it foregrounds the role of society in disabling people.

"In the Western world, disability is often defined as barriers existing in society and infrastructure that prevent full inclusion of a person. When you say "disabled person", you are accepting that society has failed and that's why a person is disabled," explains Nipun Malhotra, CEO of Nipman Foundation that focuses on health and advocacy for PwDs.

Moving beyond labels and euphemisms

Language, however, is also limiting when it comes to human connections; not to mention, constantly changing. Therefore, even as we adopt a rights-based language when referring to PwDs, activists wonder if we can focus on the primary issues concerning the community without getting carried away by "positive" labels and euphemisms.

The RPwD Act 2016 identifies 18 different types of disabilities. "Addressing someone as specially abled, differently abled or exceptionally abled does not improve their lives. According to government data, 75% students with disability drop out of school in India. If I am being denied a fundamental right on the basis of identity, how does the right terminology enable me?" asks Mr. Ali.

Considering the acute lack of awareness about disability in India, language can also create stereotypes. In 2016, upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi's suggestion, the Hindi word for PwDs was changed from Viklang (one with non-functional body parts) to Divyang (one with a divine body part or divine power), which disability rights activists say puts a pressure on PwDs to use their will power to do activities of daily living.

As an invisible minority in India, what PwDs need is not a softer or a politer name. They want basic rights and dignity without stereotyping them as superheroes, the sick or the godsent, they say.

"The bigger question is not what we call them but how we treat them based on what they are called. Are labels in fact strengthening the othering? The minute you put labels, it means 'You and I are different'," says Dr. Gitanjali taking a strong exception to such romanticised terminology.

Acute lack of awareness, sensitivity

Jargons like diversity and inclusion, while important in the conversation about disability rights, also run the risk or remaining mere catchphrases with a shelf life.

As a social entrepreneur helping public and private sector organisations become more inclusive to PwDs, Mr. Malhotra developed the 3As (Attitudes, Accessibility, Affordability) framework. "People asked me why I put attitude before accessibility. Accessibility is visible but it is driven by attitudes. Until people internalise that PwDs are just like them, change will not happen," he says.

To build awareness and empathy, activists suggest introducing disability sensitisation education at a school level to normalise the idea of disability from a young age.

Disability is a life span approach from ages 0-100, Mr. Ali observes, suggesting the need to create a mission mode for awareness along the lines of government campaigns like Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

"People with disabilities are people; too, and access, education and employment are something everyone needs. The needs are same, just the means are different," he says.

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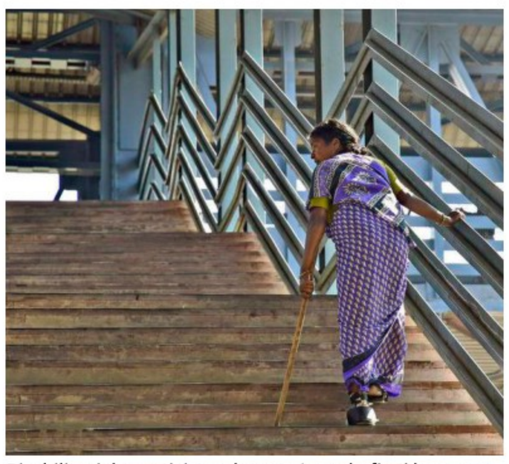

Disability rights activists advocate 'people-first' language for referring to persons with disabilities. K. MURALI KUMAR

Caregivers have to jump through several hoops

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In their journey in caring for persons with disabilities, caregivers - who could be immediate family members, close friends or dedicated professionals - face their own share of hurdles. From challenges in taking care of those in need to accessing benefits provided by the government, caregivers have to jump through several hoops.

Today, while on the one hand many institutions have come up in the city that provide care to persons with disabilities and build a support system for the family members, there still exist institutions where children with disabilities are denied admission, who demand more fees and the parents are frequently contacted anytime the child needs help. Finding an institution or school which suits their child's needs is a common challenge.

Ordeal of finding school

Archana Bathija, whose son has an intellectual disability, moved to Bengaluru a few years ago. She said it was "a big problem" to find the right school for him. "I had to change a few schools.

While some did not take care of him properly, some outright denied admission because he was a teenage boy. At one of the schools, the situation was so bad that if he had a cough and cold and sneezed, they would call the parents to go and clean the cupboard and tables," she said, narrating her ordeal. Finally she found Association for the Mentally Challenged (AMC) where he was taken in without questions.

The mother of a child with Down syndrome said the first challenge is to figure out how to deal with a child who is born with a disability. Parents of such children stress upon the need for creation of more awareness in health care facilities to help them make informed decisions about the kind of schools, vocational options and medical care available.

"There is a government pension scheme for children with disability, but what they need is workshops and vocational guidance which would be the more sustainable options," said Gayathri, a caregiver at the AMC, which is organising a consultation on new approaches to support caregivers and their families on December 3 to mark World Disabilities Day.

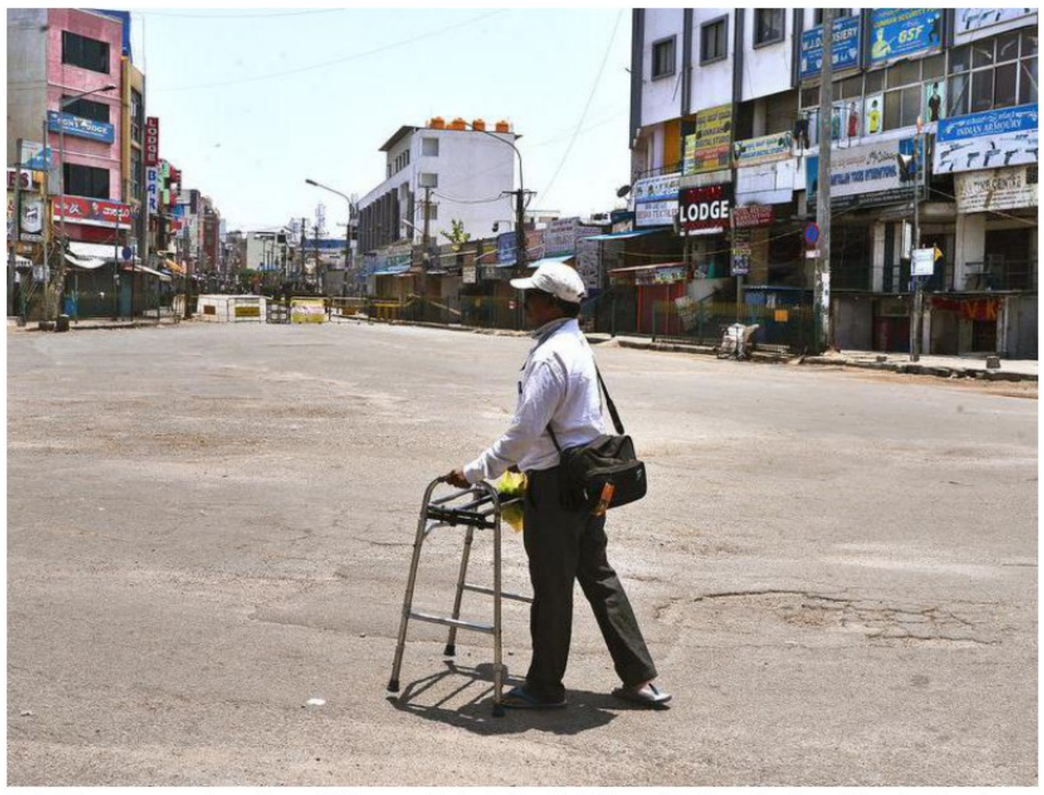
Caregivers in professional facilities dedicate their entire day to take care of people of all age groups.

"With persons with physical disabilities, they need assistance mostly for mobility. But those with intellectual disabilities need someone with them throughout the day. Especially during COVID, with the barriers of lockdowns and lack of human contact, it was very difficult to take care of such persons," explained Arpuda Rajan, Zonal Secretary, Karnataka State Disabled and Caregivers Federation.

Difficulty in access

Most people who work in the caregiving sector say that although there are several programmes like pension, health insurance and transport benefits introduced by the government for persons with disabilities as well as caregivers, there is no ease of access.

"Children with disabilities live with their families and these families will have to put in extra efforts as these children tend to be dependent on them for a longer time, sometimes all their lives. So, they require more support in terms of pensions, insurance, employment reservations, sheltered workshops and vocational training. There should also be facilities where these children can stay for the rest of their lives, even when the parents are not there," said Dr. Srinivas Murthy, retired professor of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, who also creates workshops and collaterals for caregivers at AMC.



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Books galore The team behind BLF (right); previous editions of the fest; (below) Pico Iyer. MURALI KUMAR K-, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Travel writer Pico Iyer, who opens the Bangalore Literature Festival tomorrow, discusses the lessons of the pandemic, and his next book

Tripping inwards

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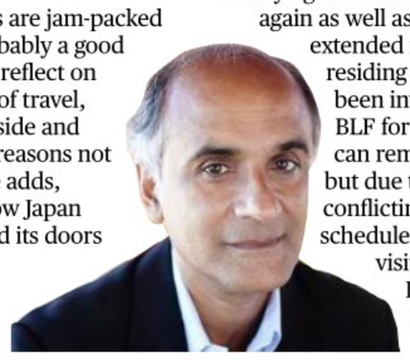
Indians are often the perfect example of a people with many places inside of them, says author Pico Iyer. The essayist and travel writer will open the 11th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF) with his talk titled, Why We Travel.

"The pandemic reminded us of what we miss when we can't travel, how much we can travel whilst in one place and how many wonders are there close to home. Ever since the lockdown lifted, I've never seen the world so eager to travel and make up for a lost time," says the author, speaking over the phone from Tokyo.

"Airports are jam-packed and it's probably a good moment to reflect on the virtues of travel, its shadow side and maybe the reasons not to do it," he adds, recalling how Japan fully opened its doors to foreign travellers only last month.



Pico says his talk would be more about "what we don't know in the age of information and the virtue of encountering other people or other places – another lesson that came to many of us during the pandemic".

The author who was last in the city in 1974 as a teenager is delighted to be back for the fest. "I've been reading about the developments there, but finally I get to see Bangalore again as well as visit extended family residing there. I've been invited to the BLF for as long as I can remember, but due to conflicting schedules couldn't visit earlier. I'm finally getting to be a part of it this year."

Pico is also excited to be sharing the stage with novelist and publisher David Davidar at another session.

"He was my editor 34 years ago! During our interaction, I hope to give a preview of my next book which comes out just five weeks after the festival – I've never spoken about it in public before and BLF seemed the perfect place to unveil it."

The Half Known Life: In Search of Paradise is very much a pandemic book, says Pico, adding that it chronicles 48 years of his life travelling the globe. "The book also details my time with the Dalai Lama and Benedictine monks; I've spent more than 30 years of my life in monasteries."

It seems Pico has always been on a quest to explore the inner and outer worlds. "I have always been interested in the crisscrossing of cultures that happens across the globe and inside people's hearts," says the author who was born in England to Indian parents.

"We moved to California when I was seven and I was fascinated by this new group of people. I continued my schooling in England and would travel the Atlantic Ocean for my holidays. Movement was second nature to me."

Apart from a chance to reconnect with his roots, Pico is exhilarated about *The Half Known Life* as it is the first book he has written that circles South Asia.

"I never had a chance to write about India as I've never spent much time there, but this book has a chapter each on Kashmir, Ladakh and Varanasi, and two chapters on Sri Lanka. I believe it might be interesting to an Indian audience since so much of it is close to India."

The Bangalore Literature Festival is on December 3 and 4 at The Lalit Ashok.

For details log on to http://bangaloreliteraturefestival.org. Entry free.

Spotlight on ScreenLit

This edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF) brings a welcome addition of ScreenLit — a chance for aspiring screen writers to present their scripts to a panel of producers, directors, agents, film reviewers and critics, and get their screenplay selected.

Following the success of LitMart, a pitching platform for aspiring authors, the organisers decided to give screenplays a go. "In the past few years, we've seen a boom with OTT platforms, web series and independent films. Digital is a great media — one that doesn't necessarily always need large budgets," says Srikrishna Ramamoorthy, one of the founders of BLF. "It is also a great platform to gain some valuable insights into how you could better your idea or develop it further," he adds.

Panellists for the ScreenLit module include Kamal KM, Shobu Yaralgadda and Ranjani Krishnakumar among others.

Come strum with me

Global Guitar Gita is back this weekend for the first time after the pandemic

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It's time to strum, hum and sing along!

This edition of the Global Guitar Gita will see a host of international artistes such as Julia Lange, Antoine Boyer, Samuelito and Yeore Kim among others, featuring a range of styles from classical and gypsy jazz to flamenco and funk.

According to Kirtana Kumar, co-founder of Global Guitar Gita, the theme of the fest has always been the guitar and the way people from different cultures have adapted it to their modes of expression. "Konarak Reddy started this festival almost 25 years ago. In the past, he has invited artistes from Hungary, Japan and Canada to get away from a narrow idea of guitar playing."

His aim was to offer a platform for local audiences and guitarists to enjoy the many possibilities of the instrument, says Kirtana, adding, "He wants to inspire artistes to tell their own stories through their playing."

Konarak has long been an admirer of Antoine Boyer, a gypsy jazz expert, who has often played duets with Samuelito, a flamenco guitarist from France. Harmonica player Yeore Kim and guitarist Julia Lange from Germany who specialises in classical, steel string and funk stylings, are also a part of this year's edition of Global Guitar Gita.

"The All India Fingerstyle competition was created by Konarak to encourage young Indian guitarists and offer them a platform to be heard," says Kirtana, adding that Dream Guitars in North Carolina, USA, always donates a Luthier-made guitar to the winner.

The three-day event includes workshops, retreats, concerts and a ringside view of the finals.

For details log on to www.guitargita.com or call 91 9845011782 between 10am and 2pm.

Flying fingers French guitarist Samuelito. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Vikram Agnihotri, India's first double-arm amputee to get a car driving license, turns author with *Look Ma, No Hands!* that launches at Bangalore Literary Festival

Battling the odds

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At the upcoming Bangalore Literary Festival (December 3 and 4), alongside the likes of workshops and lectures by children's authors Bijal Vachcharajani, Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan, and Honey Irani is a book launch, *Look Ma, No Hands!* authored by Vikram Agnihotri.

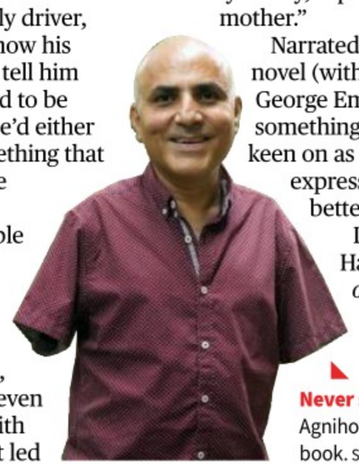
While this may seem like just another book for children, not many know that Vikram is a double-arm amputee who went on to become India's first person with no arms to obtain a driving licence. Now a professional rally driver, Vikram recalls how his mother used to tell him that if he wanted to be remembered, he'd either have to do something that others will write about or write something people will read.

"I've done both to be doubly sure!" says Vikram, 52, who was only seven when he met with an accident that led to a double amputation. "It was only because of the role my parents and my family played that I was able to overcome the challenge. The book is a way to share with the world the importance of a family," says the Indore-based author, adding that he hopes it is not just children but young parents who get inspired by the book and its lessons on parenting.

"Children at an impressionable age need to understand that life doesn't come to an end just because you meet with an accident. One should never give up and always keep a positive attitude towards life. The book is a way to express my gratitude towards my family, especially my mother."

Narrated as a graphic novel (with illustrations by George Emmanual), was something Vikram was keen on as illustrations can express emotions better, he says.

Look Ma, No Hands! *is available on tulikabooks.com*



Never say can't Vikram Agnihotri; a page from his book. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Another win for maestro Balakrishna

After the Sangeeta Kalarathna, Veena D Balakrishna has won the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2021

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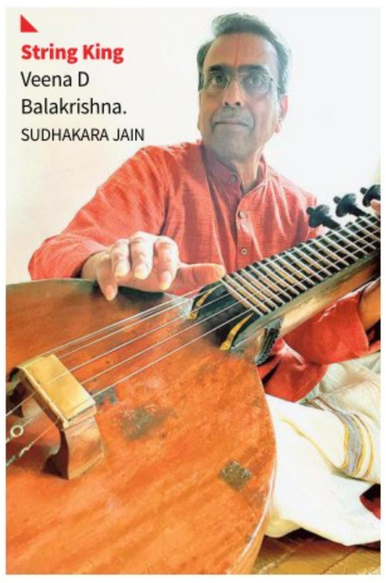
Ranjani Govind

Veena D Balakrishna is on cloud nine after bagging two prestigious awards this year – one from India's oldest running music sabha, the Bangalore Gayana Samaja, and the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2021. "I feel honoured; awards are an impetus to delve deeper into the Carnatic genre and find fresh possibilities," says Balakrishna, known for discovering newer stances expressed through the Saraswati veena.

"I dedicate this award to the Mysore School of Veena which produced legendary players such as Veena Sheshanna and Venkatagiriyappa, as well as my father and guru Veena Doreswamy Iyengar. My father was the *Asthana Vidwan* at the Mysore Royal court and came to Bangalore when he was appointed music producer at Akashavani for a monthly salary of ₹450! I consider myself blessed to be a part of this rich Mysore lineage," says Balakrishna.



String King Veena D Balakrishna. SUDHAKARA JAIN

SNA Awards for 24 Karnataka artistes

Artistes from Karnataka have bagged 24 Central Sangeet Natak Akademi awards in music, dance, theatre, puppetry and folk categories. Some of the awards include the Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar and Amrith Awards (75 years of Independence), announced by the Akademi recently. "It is indeed a moment of great joy for Karnataka having two dozen winners in the list of awardees," said vocalist Dr. Mysore Nagamani Srinath, a 2010 SNA awardee, and new EC member. The awards cover three years, from 2019 to 2021.

"Certain arrangements such as the *Pancha Veena* (five veenas) were pioneered by my father five decades ago. It was a huge success then when the contact mike was yet to become a trend. The veena, a softer instrument, was made more audible when the *Pancha Veena* was employed," says Balakrishna, who still uses it today.

Over the last few years, Balakrishna and his flautist nephew Vamshidhar have performed several veena-flute concerts, while his jugalbandi presentations with well-known Hindustani players, have influenced the platform with classical ragas and intuitive improvisations.

He has also created a veena learning-syllabus that universities or research students wanting to delve into the Mysore style.

STEPOUT

Match my moves

Padmashri awardee Shobana will present a Bharatanatyam recital this weekend. The famed dancer is also a National Award-winning actor and has acted in over 200 films in the Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and Kannada film industries.

The venue for her performance will be Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield, on December 3, 7pm.
Tickets on BookMyShow.

An ode to Papusza

Nrityakosh presents *Papusza*, a belly dance production on the life of the great Romani poet Papusza. The dance will be presented by Debapriya Das and her ensemble from her dance school – Nrityakosh.

The event will be held at the Bangalore International Center, Domlur, on December 4, at 7pm. Tickets on BookMyShow

Have a heart

Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur, has an on-going exhibition of paintings by Namita Kulkarni, which are a result of a grant from ICAAD (International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination), a human rights advocacy centre in New York.

The exhibition will be on till December 15, 11am to 7pm.

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Only 15% of dedicated funds for SC/ST welfare used in six months

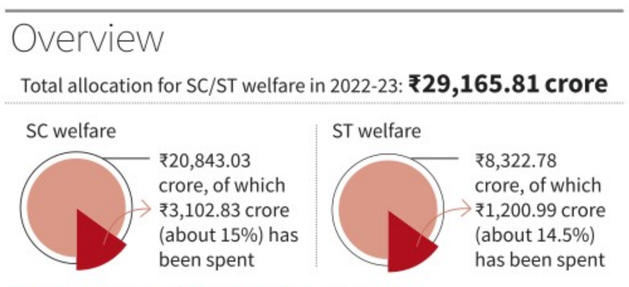
Departments regarded key for social development, such as Education and Skill Development, have done poorly in spending; CM seeks action against those found guilty of not properly implementing schemes

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The State government's expenditure on the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes this financial year has declined steeply over the previous year. Just about 15% of ₹29,165.81 crore allocated in this Budget has been spent in the first six months of the financial year, a steep decline compared with the corresponding period of 2021-22 when about 37% of the allocated sum had been spent.

Shockingly, departments regarded as key for social development, such as Education and Skill Development, are the worst performers in spending.

Coming as an embarrassment for the government, which recently increased the reservation quota to the SC/ST communities, the data was discussed at a review meeting here on Thursday. It showed that of ₹20,843 crore allocated for SC welfare, just about ₹3,103.83 crore or 15% has been spent even though ₹10,196.75 crore has been released already. In the case of STs, against the allocation of ₹8,322.78 crore, departments have spent just about ₹1,200.99 crore or 14.5% of the allocation even though ₹3,505.71 crore has been released.


Overview
Total allocation for SC/ST welfare in 2022-23: ₹29,165.81 crore
SC welfare
₹20,843.03 crore, of which ₹3,102.83 crore (about 15%) has been spent
ST welfare
₹8,322.78 crore, of which ₹1,200.99 crore (about 14.5%) has been spent
Some poor-performing departments
Water Resources, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Housing, Planning, Agriculture, Forest, Sericulture, Primary and Secondary Education
Department of Higher Education: 2.2% or ₹6.34 crore of the allocated ₹287 crore spent
Skill Development Department: 4.65% or ₹6.53 crore of the allocated ₹140.47 crore spent
Primary and Secondary Education Department: ₹159.67 crore or about 16.22% of the allocated ₹984.65 crore spent

CM dismayed

Stung by the poor progress, government sources said, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai took stock of the situation from Social Welfare Department officials on Thursday where he is learnt to have expressed dismay and sought action against those found guilty of not properly implementing schemes. "Normally, about 40% of the allocation is spent in six months," said the source.

For the corresponding period in 2021-22, various departments had spent ₹7,225.56 crore or 39% of the total ₹18,331.54 crore allocated for SC welfare. Departments had also spent ₹2,425.97 crore or 32% of ₹7,673.47 crore allocated for ST welfare.

Not only have some departments not utilised the available Central funds for the SC/ST welfare at all, but many departments have also shown expenditure less than the overall average. Departments of Water Resources, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Housing, Planning, Agriculture, Forest, Sericulture, and Primary and Secondary Education have been found to have spent less than the average.

The Department of Higher Education has been found to have spent just about 2.2% or ₹6.34 crore of the allocated ₹287 crore while the Skill Development Department has spent 4.65% or ₹6.53 crore of the total ₹140.47 crore allocated. Similarly, the Primary and Secondary Education Department has spent ₹159.67 crore or about 16.22% of the allocated ₹984.65 crore.

Callous attitude

"A combination of factors have worked for such a dismal performance. Action plans are not submitted by political representatives on time while tendering is a time-consuming process. List of beneficiaries are not given and the list of work also delayed," a senior official said. "The biggest problem, however, is the callous attitude of the officials in implementing welfare schemes for SC/STs."

Stop allotting public properties on political interference, HC directs govt.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to forthwith stop issuing allotment orders of public properties, as special cases, as a product of favouritism or political interference.

"Allotment of public properties should be only by way of public auction as mandated in the law, and the present case would form the last straw of admonishing the State for bartering away public property at its whim and fancy," the court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna issued the direction while allowing a petition filed by one Chandra Suvarna of Udupi.

The petitioner had questioned the legality of allotment of 700 sq. m of area on lease at Fish Conservation Centre in Malpe port for setting up a cold storage unit to one Santosh V. Salian based on two separate recommendations made by two MLAs from Udupi district.

However, the court noted from the official records that the Fisheries Department had rightly rejected the applications of both Mr. Suvarna and Mr. Salian stating that area can be allotted only by way of auction/tender. But one of them had knocked on the doors of political representatives and ultimately the area was allotted to one of them as "a special case". The court also noticed that certain other area in the port was allotted to some other person as a "special case".

Records in this case "demonstrate that is has become a norm for the State to act upon political interference in granting public properties, as special cases, to the favoured lot", the court observed.

Not 'rule of men'

"It needs no emphasis that the State is governed by 'rule of law' and not by 'rule of men'. A few men at the helm of affairs or the powers that be, cannot be seen to act in a manner that would thwart the rule of law and generate a concept "you show me the person; I will tell you the law". This court would not permit the State government to act in a partisan manner in favour of any applicant," observed Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna.

INBRIEF

DKS terms border row a 'conspiracy' ahead of polls

Amid tension following a border row with Maharashtra, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has termed the present situation a "conspiracy" and said that there are attempts to spoil the peace in the State ahead of the Assembly elections.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been using the issue to hide charges of bad governance by the BJP government in the State. "There is a conspiracy behind this," Mr. Shivakumar alleged.

Noting that the border dispute has been resolved already, the Congress leader said, "It is not appropriate on part of anyone belonging to any party in Maharashtra to disturb peace on the pretext of the border dispute."

Bommai meets with British High Commissioner

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai met British High Commissioner Alex Ellis and Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and Kerala Chandru Iyer on Wednesday.

The Chief Minster called on the United Kingdom to invest in Karnataka, especially in R&D. He said that Karnataka had recently introduced a new R&D policy. Mr. Ellis pointed out that 14% of British companies in India were in Karnataka and the State had more British companies when compared with any other southern State, according to a release.

Govt. upgrades 'skill connect' portal

The State government on Thursday announced the availability of an upgraded 'skill connect' portal that connects job seekers and employers.

After launching the upgraded portal, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education and Skill Development, said, "Online digital learning courses will be introduced in universities. Accordingly, every university will have to have at least a degree course in the online format before March 2023."

Five MoUs were signed with different companies with an objective to generate employment.

CM rejects wakf board's claim on granting nod to open colleges for girls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday rejected the claim by Karnataka Wakf Board chairman Maulana Shafti Saadi that the government had given consent to the board to open 10 colleges for girl students in the State.

Mr. Bommai said, "I don't know. It was not discussed in my government. This is not the stand of my government. If there is any issue, let the wakf board chairman come and speak to me."

On Wednesday, the chairman said, "We have decided to start 10 colleges for girls in various districts of the State at a cost of ₹2.5 crore per college. The government has given consent to this project."

The new colleges will be opened in districts such as Dakshina Kannada, Shivamogga, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Raichur, Koppal, and Kalaburagi.

The board has identified 16 acres of land in Dakshina Kannada, he said.

Mr. Bommai clarified the government stand while speaking to reporters after paying tributes to Kengal Hanumanthaiya (1908-1980) on his death anniversary, at the State Secretariat.

To a question on alleged inclusion of people involved in various crimes in the BJP, Mr. Bommai said, "No rowdies will be entertained in the BJP. There is no change in the government's stand."

Earlier this week, history-sheeter 'Silent' Sunil shared the dais with BJP leaders at a function in Bengaluru.

Introducing uniform civil code not possible, says Deve Gowda

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) president H.D. Deve Gowda said here on Thursday that it was impossible to introduce uniform civil code (UCC) in the country given the widespread opposition to it.

Mr. Gowda told media persons that he was opposed to it and would abide by the Constitution which did not allow for the UCC. He said it was immaterial whether the issue would benefit the BJP or not, but the fact remains that it cannot be implemented.

On the Mekedatu drinking water project, Mr. Gowda said the BJP had an "internal understanding" with the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu for political gains and hence the Centre had withheld permission for the project. At the same time, Tamil Nadu had been permitted to harness the water flowing into the sea and 4 lakh hectares of land was being irrigated in and around Salem using this water, Mr. Gowda added.

Election campaign

Mr. Gowda said he would join the election campaign from next month. All leaders, including H.D. Kumaraswamy, are taking part in the Pancharatna Yatre across the State and had been vested with the responsibility of fanning out across the villages. Party workers have been asked to launch a door-to-door campaign to cover all segments, he added.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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DEATH

Dr Vijaykrishnan Vadakkekurputh (60)
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INBRIEF

TRS behind attack on party activists, says Sharmila

YSR Telangana Party president Y.S. Sharmila on Thursday sought the intervention of Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan in the alleged attack on her party activists on Monday near Warangal during her padayatra. She urged the Governor to seek a report from the State government. Ms. Sharmila, who met Ms. Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan here alleged that the ruling TRS was behind the "attack".

TTD gearing up for 'Vaikunta Ekadasi' on January 2

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the TTD for the grand conduct of the auspicious 'Vaikunta Ekadasi' on January 2. The TTD has resolved to keep the 'Vaikunta Dwaram' open for 10 days. . While five lakh slotted Sarva Darshan tokens will be made available for the benefit of the common pilgrims during the 10-day period at 50,000 tokens a day, about 2.5 lakh Special Entry Darshan tickets, each costing ₹300, will be made available at 25,000 tokens a day.

Three accused in TRS MLAs 'poaching' case get bail

The Telangana High Court on Thursday granted bail to three accused arrested in connection with the case of alleged conspiracy to poach four TRS MLAs. The High Court allowed the bail petitions of Ramachandra Bharati alias Satish Sharma, Nanda Kumar and Simhayaji Swamy on certain conditions. The trio was arrested in the case after a complaint was lodged by TRS MLA Pilot Rohith Reddy, among four legislators, against them on October 26. They are presently lodged in a jail in Hyderabad. PTI

Huge amounts of money paid to Vijayabaskar, says I-T Dept.

It says he had spent ₹30.9 lakh from undisclosed sources for accommodation of AIADMK MLAs at a resort when Edappadi K. Palaniswami was sworn in as CM in February 2017

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

The Income Tax Department on Thursday told Madras High Court that it had seized "enormous material" indicating that former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar of the AIADMK had received huge amounts of money from gutkha/pan masala manufacturers and SRS Mining owned by J. Sekar Reddy and two others.

The counter-affidavit was filed before Justice Anita Sumanth hearing a writ petition filed by the former Minister. He has challenged the attachment of 117.46 acres of his land in Pudukottai district, besides the

C. Vijayabaskar

freezing of four of his bank accounts, including the one in which he receives his MLA salary, to recover ₹206.42 crore in tax dues, excluding interest.

After perusing the counter-affidavit submitted by senior standing counsel A.P. Srinivas, the judge granted time for Nithyaesh Natraj, counsel for the petitioner, to file a rejoinder on behalf of his client. She directed the High Court Registry to list the matter on December 12 for completing the written pleadings and commencing oral arguments.

In the counter, Tax Recovery Officer Kumar Deepak Raj said the search and seizure operations were carried out on the premises related to the writ petitioner in April 2017 and material was collected to prove that he had indulged in tax evasion by claiming excess quarry expenses and unaccounted-for sale of blue metals through his firm Rasi Blue Metals.

The seizures also showed that Mr. Vijayabaskar had received ₹85.45 crore form SRS Mining and ₹2.45 crore from gutkha/pan masala manufacturers. He had also spent ₹30.90 lakh from undisclosed sources for the accommodation of AIADMK MLAs at a resort at Koovathur when Edappadi K. Palaniswami was sworn in as the Chief Minister in February 2017.

The search led to the unearthing that the former Minister had earned several crores of rupees through excess quarrying than the permissible limit and had not disclosed that income while filing returns for financial years between 2012-13 and 2018-19. Hence, the Department had passed fresh assessment orders for those years.

Halting port construction will affect Kerala's development, says Pinarayi

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government has doubled down on its resolve to steam ahead with the Vizhinjam port construction, despite strong resistance from the Latin Catholic Archdiocese-backed Vizhinjam Action Council (VAC) activists agitating against the harbour's completion since August.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's harsh censure of the violent protests against port construction on Thursday indicates the State's hardening stance against the agitators, predominantly Church-led fisherfolk families.

Mr. Vijayan's denunciation of VAC activists responsible for Sunday's Vizhinjam police station attack comes a day before the High Court is scheduled to rule on a petition by Adani Ports against the government's failure to provide police protection for harbour construction.

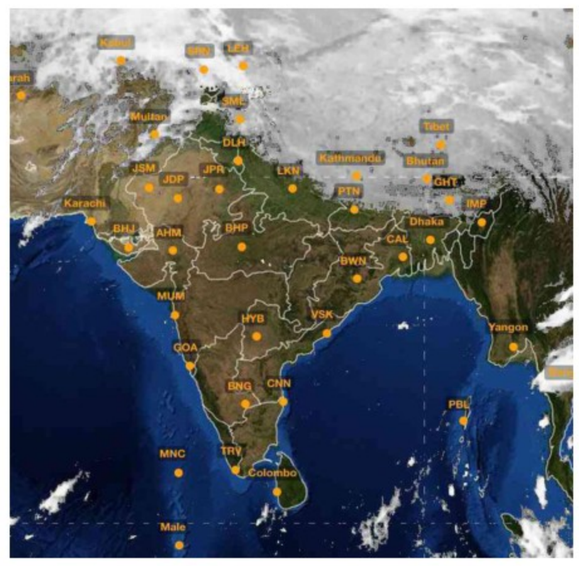
Mr. Vijayan said going back on port construction would damage the State's standing as an investment destination and emerging global business hub.

Meanwhile, police tightened the screws on the agitators by slapping more cases against the clergy spearheading the VAC instead of going for sweeping arrests. They booked VAC convener Father Theodosius D'Cruz for attempting to create communal discord by using disparaging and divisive words to "demonise" Minister for Fisheries, Harbours, Wakf, and Haj Pilgrimage V. Abdurahiman. They also registered two more cases against Latin Catholic Archbishop Thomas J. Netto in connection with the police station attack.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan decried the government's penchant to brand Vizhinjam protesters as terrorists.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

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Aizawl	—	—	18.0	Lucknow	—	26.0	12.4
Allahabad	—	27.0	12.4	Madurai	—	32.9	22.0
Bengaluru	—	25.5	17.8	Mangaluru	—	32.5	22.1
Bhopal	—	27.2	12.4	Mumbai	—	32.7	22.5
Bhubaneswar	—	31.8	19.4	Mysuru	—	29.9	18.5
Chandigarh	—	25.1	9.1	New Delhi	—	25.0	10.2
Chennai	0.6	31.2	25.2	Patna	—	—	13.3
Coimbatore	—	29.8	19.0	Port Blair	—	31.4	26.6
Dehradun	—	25.2	8.1	Puducherry	0.2	31.2	22.4
Gangtok	—	16.7	8.8	Pune	—	29.3	15.2
Goa	—	33.6	19.9	Raipur	—	30.0	12.5
Guwahati	—	30.0	15.2	Ranchi	—	27.8	13.3
Hubballi	—	30.0	17.0	Shillong	—	21.1	10.3
Hyderabad	—	30.3	16.1	Shimla	—	18.5	7.9
Imphal	—	28.5	16.5	Srinagar	—	12.0	-2.1
Jaipur	—	26.0	11.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.0	23.2
Kochi	18	32.0	23.4	Tiruchi	0.2	31.3	24.0
Kohima	—	20.6	7.7	Vijayawada	—	31.5	21.9
Kolkata	—	30.1	19.6	Visakhapatnam	—	31.8	24.0

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Chennai	.14	..49	.46	...220	...132	
Delhi	.19	..55	.39	...386	...425	
Hyderabad	...5	.35	.46	...245	.....—	
Kolkata	.17	6	.31	...240	...151	
Lucknow	...9	..94	102	...304	...224	
Mumbai	...9	..18	100	...303	...238	
Pune	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	
Visakhapatnam	.33	..44	.40	...120	...115	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Siwan, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 385 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/WMC/TKR/4196-98 Date: 29.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works **on Total Turnkey Basis.**

(1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-06/CAll-3 Dt: 22.07.2022 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair of sick power transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired Sick Power Transformer of Rating 10MVA, 110/33-11kV SPEC make, Sl.No. ST-43261, YOM 2011 lying at 110/11kV KG Temple S/s in Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru District and lying at 66/11kV S/s, Bhaktharahalli.

(2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-07/CAll-3 Dt: 22.07.2022 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of repaired sick Power Transfomer of rating 8MVA, 66/11kV Standard make, Sl.No. 210504, Year of Manufacture-2004, failed at 66/11kV S/s, Bhaktharahalli in Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District and lying at 66/11kV S/s, Bhaktharahalli.

The detailed information regarding enquiries in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.12.2022** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B.H.Road, Tumakuru-2. Phone: 0816-2955095

Government of Karnataka
Office of the The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Mandya Division, Mandya, Phone: 08232-222363, email:eerwsmdy@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&SD/MDY/21-22JJM TENDER/2022-23
Dated:28-11-2022

1. Short Term Re-Tender Notification NO-20/2021-22 (Single Cover System) 2nd Call
2. Short Term Re-Tender Notification NO-03/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 2nd Call
3. Short TermRe-Tender Notification NO-04/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 3rd Call
4. Short Term Tender Notification NO-10/2022-23 (Single Cover System) (e-procurement portal)

On behalf of Governor of karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for Drinking Water Supply works under different Heads in Madduru, Mandya & Nagamangala Tq Mandya District from eligible bidders. Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids:- **12-12-2022 Time :05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:-**13-12-2022 Time:05:35 PM** . Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:-1**7-12-2022 Time:11:00 AM.** Amount Put to tender Maximum:**Rs.214.23 Lakhs.** More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from this office during working hours.Phone No: 08232-222363.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya
DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/500/2022-23

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ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
Help line No : 08224-252626 Website : www.kollegalacity.gov.in
Phone No: 08224-252016 E-mail:itstaff_ulb_kollegal@yahoo.co.in
ನಂ:ಮುನಿ/ಕೆಸಿಎಂಸಿ/ಇಎನ್‌ಜಿಎಸ್/ಡಬ್ಲೂಎಸ್/ಟಿಟಿಎಸ್‌ಆರ್‌ಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-11-2022

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಗಾಲ | ಸಹಿ/- ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಗಾಲ | ಸಹಿ/- ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಗಾಲ | ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಗಾಲ

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works against following enquiry Nos. on Total Turnkey and Percentage Tender Basis.

I. No.: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-38 & 32/22-23/3750-52 Date: 30.11.2022

Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/EE(O)/AE(T)/22-23/EPR348/Cal1-2, Dated: 29.11.2022** for the work of "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV(3Limbs), BBL make, Sl.No. 4934/12 Failed at 220/66/11KV Yerrandanahalli Receiving Station in TL&SS Division, Yerrandanahalli.

II. No.: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-38 & 32/22-23/3759-61 Date: 30.11.2022

Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/EE(O)/AE(T)/22-23/EPR-349/Call-2, Dated: 29.11.2022** for the work of "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV, Victory make, Sl. No. 4-0012/7 Failed at 220/66/11k Jigani Receiving Station in TL&SS, Division, Yerrandanahali.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiries in the E-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL Website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "**e-Procurement-KPTCL**" or **https:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.12.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Maintenance), KPTCL, Ramanagara Circle, 220/66/11KV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560 026. Telephone: **080-29620155.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/5432 DATE: 30/11/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, 1 work under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, 2 works under head of account 3054-MDR Maintenance & 1 work under head of account 4059-Judicial buildings, Total No.7 works Amount put to tender is Mini mum of Rs. 24.58 Lakhs and Maximum of Rs. 250.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 08-12-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications:09-12-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids:13-12-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System):15-12-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5) Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System):15-12-2022 at 4.30 PM,6)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System):"after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1294/MCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Special Commissioner, SWM, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.
No.S.C./SWM/PR/SS/006/2022-23 Date: 01.12.2022

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
Swachh Bharat Mission - Water Plus Certification

For getting the Water Plus certification under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-Urban) this year, the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) has sought public objections and comments within 7 days. The comments and objections can be sent through the given link below.

city or a ward can be declared as water plus provided all wastewater released from households, commercial establishments, drains, nallahs is treated to a satisfactory level (as per Central Pollution Control Board norms), before releasing it into the environment.

Further, adequate capacity of wastewater and sewage treatment facilities is to be ensured. The infrastructure should be maintained properly and cost recovery ensured through reuse/recycling of treated wastewater to ensure sustain ability.

In Bengaluru City, BWSSB is treating sewage waste water generated from residential, commercial and industrial areas at different treatment plants. No untreated water is flowing into water bodies: 20% Municipal treated waste water is being reused after treatment at city level viz., for horticulture, agriculture, industrial use, cleaning roads etc.

SBM water plus is the next level of certification after open defection Free++ (ODF++) for which the city is already certified in the previous year.

Comments and objections can be given in this link-
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflue4zvcivN3sWGtgqNU4DbNJu0vjFEp4ka1PEuU 6FLsg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Sd/- Special Commissioner, SWM, BBMP

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK
(A Scheduled Bank established by Govt of India : Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Head Office : Sanganakal Road, Gandhinagar, BALLARI - 583103
Phone : (08392) 254011, 254012 & 254014 e-mail: iciw.inspection@kgbk.in

Empanelment of Retired Officers for Inspection

Karnataka Gramin Bank (KaGB), a leading Regional Rural Bank in Karnataka, having 1119 Branches across Bidar, Kalburgi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Vijayanagara (Hosapete), Ballari, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Tumkur, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru(u), Bengaluru(R), Ramanagara, Mandya, Chamarajanagara, Mysuru & Madikeri Districts, desires to Engage/Empanel Retired Officers of KaGB for Concurrent Audit/ Branch Inspection functions in KGB Branches & Offices. The particulars like eligibility criteria, remuneration and application format etc., are posted on the website of the Bank **https://www.karnatakagraminbank.com.** The same can be downloaded from the Bank's website.

The last date for receipt of completed applications at Bank's Head Office, Ballari is 15.12.2022.

NOTE: The applicants should be retired from Karnataka Gramin Bank.

Sd/- General Manager
Date : 30.11.2022 Karnataka Gramin Bank, Head Office: Ballari

Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi
Ref No: VTU/BGM/SAP/CW4/T-597-2nd Call/2022-23/ 4534 Date :01/12/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION-2ND CALL

The Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, invites tenders (Two cover system) for the following work Name of work: "Tender for Supply of Silver Medals for the Year 2022-2023 Inter Collegiate Sports/ Games to Sports Section , VTU, Belagavi ". Amount put to tender Rs.36,48,000,/- EMD.Rs.73,000/-. Last date for receipt of tender07/12/2022 up to 2.30 p.m. Date of opening of tender: 08/12/2022 at 04.00 p.m. The details regarding participation in the tendring can be accessed by logging to our VTU Website :www.vtu.ac.in.and www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1291/MCA/2022-23

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INVTATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NO.KITS/IT/ESDP/2/2021-IT-KITS-PART3

KITS re-invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from Firms to assist in evaluating Applications received under the Special Incentives Scheme for ESDM Sector 2020-25.

The interested Firms are required to download the electronic copy of the RFP and upload the proposal (in pdf format) on e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in through the bidder's Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

The details of documents required for RFP submission are available in the RFP document. Any notices/ information related to this RFP in the future shall be available on https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in only.

The deadline for submission of the proposal is on or before **21.12.2022 by 5.00 P.M.** Refer to the RFP document for eligibility criteria and other conditions.

Sd/-
Managing Director
KITS

KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka
BMTC Central Offices Building, TTMC 'B' Block, 4th Floor, Shanthinagar, KH Road, Bangalore-560027. India
Phone : 080-2223-1006 / 8, E-mail: kitsgok@karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/CP/3332/AKAR/21-22

Dispiriting politics

The BJP is trying to divert attention from its governance record in Gujarat

In the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly elections on Thursday, a turnout of over 60% was recorded in 89 seats spread across the 19 districts of Saurashtra, Kutch and South Gujarat. A total of 788 candidates are in the fray in the first phase. In the second phase, the remaining 93 seats will vote on December 5. The entry of the Aam Admi Party (AAP) has opened new possibilities in the State where the BJP and the Congress have traditionally been the two poles. The AAP appears to have emerged as a strong force in certain parts of Surat city and the Saurashtra region, turning the contest triangular in seats such as Varachha Road, Katargam and Olpad. The party's chief ministerial candidate, Isudan Gadhvi, is contesting from Jam Khambhalia in Saurashtra and the president of its State unit, Gopal Italia, is contesting from Katargam in Surat. In the 2017 elections, the Congress had done well in the Saurashtra region, winning seats in the districts of Amreli, Morbi, Surendranagar, Gir Somnath, and Junagadh; while the BJP had retained its hold over Surat city and other South Gujarat districts. The extent of the AAP's impact is difficult to measure given its top-down approach to campaigning and the non-existence of any party structure on the ground.

The Morbi bridge tragedy that claimed at least 141 lives was a prelude to the poll season but the massive governance failure and corruption associated with it did not become an issue in the campaign. The Congress chose to run a low-key campaign, avoiding direct attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and trying to keep the focus on day-to-day issues of governance, corruption, inflation and unemployment. Party leader Rahul Gandhi, who fronted its campaign in 2017, visited the State only once this time. The BJP campaign is being spearheaded by Mr. Modi who increased the frequency of visits to his home State from March this year. After the announcement of the poll, he held a dozen rallies and roadshows in Surat, tribal pockets in South Gujarat, and Saurashtra. The BJP relied on emotive issues such as the alleged insults of Mr. Modi by the Congress, the communal violence of 2002, and the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, mostly aimed at communal polarisation, and sidestepped any discussion on governance in the State where it has been in power for 27 uninterrupted years. The BJP's reluctance to seek votes on its governance record can be read as admission of its failure. But this still might not cost it heavily.

Mixed bag

Despite inflation, credit conditions must remain supportive of the real economy

The latest official GDP estimates show the economy's expansion decelerated in the July-September period, dragged down by year-on-year and sequential contractions in manufacturing and mining and a broad slowdown in private consumption expenditure and government spending. Gross domestic product is projected to have grown by 6.3% from the year-earlier period, a sharp deceleration from the 13.5% expansion posted in the first quarter and July-September 2021's 8.4% pace. On the Gross Value Added (GVA) side, only three of the eight sectors – agriculture; the omnibus contact-intensive services sector of trade, hotels, transport and communications; and financial, realty and professional services – posted year-on-year accelerations in growth. And five sectors, including agriculture; electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services; and construction posted sequential contractions reflecting the heightened uncertainty that the global slowdown, the war in Ukraine and the persistently high domestic inflation have together engendered. On the expenditure front, growth in both the bulwark private consumption spending and government expenditure slowed appreciably, with the former logging a 9.7% year-on-year expansion, compared with the first-quarter growth of 25.9%, and the latter shrinking by 4.4% after expanding 1.3% in the April-June period. However, sequentially, private consumption signalled some festival-led rebound as it registered a tentative 1% growth, and a 3.4% quarter-on-quarter growth in gross fixed capital formation pointed to a growing willingness to invest on the part of private businesses.

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran was emphatic that the economy's recovery from the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was well underway and, notwithstanding the global headwinds, put the country on track to achieve 6.8% to 7% growth this fiscal. Still, the challenge posed by data variability and revisions, which a top RBI policymaker recently flagged, is a crucial element that cannot be ignored and is best underscored by the fact that the 'Discrepancies' entry in the latest GDP estimates hit a nine-quarter high of 2.9%. Also, the official core sector data for October, showing combined output across the eight key industries that include cement, coal, fertilizers, electricity and refinery products, struggled to inch its way up. Policymakers can ill-afford to drop their guard as they battle to rein in growth-sapping inflation and must ensure that credit conditions remain supportive of the real economy.

Laying the ground to delegitimise the Supreme Court

Sruthisagar Yamunan

is a doctoral candidate in comparative constitutional law at the Central European University, Vienna

A change of guard at the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 9 seems to have triggered a reorientation of the Union government's strategy towards the Supreme Court. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the new CJI, carries a reputation of being a liberal judge with a strong and independent voice, notwithstanding his role in the 2019 Ayodhya-Babri Masjid case judgment that handed the Bharatiya Janata Party its biggest legal and political victory. The Union Minister of Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju, seems to have discovered his voice to coincide with the new CJI's appointment. In the last few weeks, he has displayed a keen sense of urgency in his attempts to set right the democratic deficit that has for three decades plagued the process of appointments to the higher judiciary.

In parallel, the Supreme Court has taken up the question of inaction on the part of the Union government in notifying recommendations made by the collegium, which is a flagrant violation of the law settled by the court in two cases in the 1990s. On Monday, after the Bench expressed displeasure at some of the comments Mr. Rijiju had made about the appointments, news emerged that the Union government had returned 19 recommendations to the collegium hours before the proceedings.

It is a fact that the Supreme Court remains obstinately committed to the collegium system of appointing judges with little regard for criticism from within and outside the legal fraternity. In interviews to the media after his retirement, the former CJI, Justice U.U. Lalit, categorised the collegium as the "perfect" system to protect the independence of the judiciary. Given such statements, it is hard to fathom an immediate change in the court's position.

These developments have to be seen not just as attempts to reform a flawed system of appointments, but also as a strategy by the government to continue exercising the informal veto it has usurped in recent times by stalling collegium recommendations or forcing modifications in them. This plan is in anticipation of a reversal in the cozy relationship the Union government has had with preceding Chief Justices.

The Supreme Court must expedite reforms to the collegium system to take the sting out of Union government's diatribe

REUTERS

A sustained diatribe against the court from a Union Minister, who has been appointed by a government with a big majority and popular support, will erode confidence in the appointed judges and delegitimise the institution. The court must tackle this threat head on.

Blame on both sides

In 2015, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court struck down constitutional amendments that Parliament had effected to create the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC). The court's central argument was that by removing the primacy of the judiciary in the new appointment process, the NJAC subverted the independence of the judiciary, a key component of the court's conception of the basic structure of the Constitution.

At the same time, the court acknowledged that there were problems with the collegium system that required intervention. This led to separate proceedings by the same Bench in which the court appointed a two-member committee of senior lawyers, one of whom was a government law officer, to compile suggestions received from the legal community. The government also put its suggestions in writing. After deliberations, viable inputs were to be incorporated into a new Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) for judicial appointments.

However, the Union government, through the Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, took the position before the Bench that the right and power to frame the MoP was squarely in its field, going by the court's judgments that created the collegium system. The court accepted this position and closed the proceedings, providing the Union government broad guidelines on what the MoP may focus on: eligibility, transparency, formation of a secretariat, and complaints redressal during the process. What happened to the 11,500 pages of suggestions received by the committee is anybody's guess. Media reports indicate that the court and the government could not find a common ground over these reforms to the MoP. Thus, the process went into cold storage.

In the meantime, the government's response to the striking down of the NJAC was inaction – it began to stall appointments. While Mr. Rijiju took exception last week to criticism from the court that the government was sitting on recommendations, this is exactly what the government did. It belligerently opposed names it did not like and even ignored reiterations by the collegium, which, as per the law, are binding on the government. An important case was that of Justice K.M. Joseph in 2018. When he was eventually appointed, he lost the seniority he would have got with the original recommendation as the names were split by the government for appointments.

On the other hand, the Union government made no attempts to revive the NJAC through Parliament by filling the gaps that the Supreme Court had pointed out in its 2015 judgment.

The tendency of recent CJIs to not agitate the government over these omissions, despite the deleterious effects on the institution, aided the continuation of a delicate calmness in the court-government relationship. The change of guard at the office of the CJI seems to have brewed a storm that threatens to disrupt this calm.

Undermining legitimacy

In many countries, the judiciary has been the first target of regimes that seek to strengthen their hold over power. In Hungary and Poland, in recent times, there have been overt attacks on these institutions. Such attacks have changed the powers and composition of these institutions and turned them into courts conducive to the executive's policies. The process of appointments to the higher judiciary remains a highly contested field. Frontal attacks on the process serve as indicators of democratic backsliding.

In India, the court has tried to resist this process, albeit through the flawed method of the collegium system. The process, initiated through a much-criticised reinterpretation of the appointment provisions in the Constitution, fails to fulfil basic demands of transparency and accountability and remains prone to charges of nepotism. There is also a serious lack of social diversity in the appointments.

However, Mr. Rijiju's comments are setting the stage for a new normal that could eventually lead to the delegitimisation of the court. The question that it leads to is this: can judges appointed through an opaque, democratically deficient process deliver judgments that can be legitimately accepted in a democracy? Coming from a government seeking control of judicial appointments, this is a dangerous road to embark on.

The antidote to this problem would be for the court to voluntarily take up reforms to the collegium system and expedite the creation of a new MoP by incorporating the legitimate concerns of the government and stakeholders at large. This is the only way to remove the sting out of the attacks.

Safer roads for a greener, more sustainable environment

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The impact of road safety goes a long way. In addition to ensuring an easier, comfortable, and more secure commute, safer roads also have a positive impact on the environment. In 2021, India reported 4,03,116 crashes, each of which adversely impacted the environment in various ways and in different degrees. Most vehicles contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium, which are detrimental to the environment. Fuel and fluid leaks are seen at crash sites. Severe road crashes lead to automobile wreckage, which becomes a part of unusable end-of-life vehicles. This gives rise to scrappage. India is estimated to have about 22.5 million end-of-life vehicles by 2025. Despite being one of the largest car and light commercial vehicle markets in the world, India's National Automobile Scrappage Policy, launched in 2021, is still in its nascent stages.

With the absence of widespread, systematic facilities dedicated to their proper recycling, vehicles after road crashes as well as old end-of-life automobiles are left to rot by the wayside. Some end up at landfills or at informal recycling facilities where rudimentary hand tools are utilised to unscientifically dismantle them. This leads to the leakage of hazardous constituents such as oils, coolants and glass wool. Vehicle landfills turn into automobile graveyards leading to wasteful and sub-optimal land usage and water and soil pollution for decades.

Speeding limits

Road safety and environmental sustainability are closely intertwined concepts. Being cognisant of the latter while working on the former is the need of the hour. One of the biggest factors for road crashes is speeding. In 2020 alone, speeding was responsible for 91,239 road crash fatalities, comprising 69.3% of all road crash deaths registered. Speeding has consistently been responsible for over 60% of all road crash fatalities in India in the last five years. Simulation exercises in Europe have demonstrated that cutting motorway speed limits even by 10 km/h can deliver 12% to 18% fuel savings for current technology passenger cars, along with a significant reduction in pollutant emissions, particularly Nitrogen Oxides and particulate matter (PM) output, from diesel vehicles. A similar study conducted in Amsterdam demonstrated that where the speed limit was lowered from 100 km/h to 80 km/h, PM reduced by up to 15% thereby significantly improving air quality. Studies also show that highway speed limits of 96.5 km/h are 25% more efficient than limits of 120 km/h, in which case wind resistance leads to more fuel consumption.

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Consequently, several governments globally have reduced speed limits to prevent crashes and lower air pollution. For instance, the Wales government brought in 80 km/h speed limits at five locations across Wales to reduce outdoor pollution and improve public health. In India, the Zero-Fatality Corridor solution for road safety by the SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF) takes environmental sustainability seriously and focuses on reducing speeding through advanced engineering and enforcement technologies.

Various initiatives

Vegetation on or very close to the road stretches often falls prey to road widening initiatives. All road safety initiatives undertaken and recommended by the SaveLIFE Foundation are designed to be impactful and environment-friendly. The Foundation's Zero-Fatality Corridor (ZFC) programme, which was deployed on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway in 2016, helped bring down road crash fatalities by 52%, as of 2020. Similar interventions were introduced in 2018 on the Old Mumbai-Pune Highway and helped reduce the road crash fatalities on this stretch by 61%, as of 2021. Initiatives included guarding natural hard structures such as trees using crash barriers to prevent direct collisions, and installing retro reflective signage on the trees to make them more visible to commuters. The Government of India too is now building green corridors to go over forests and animal paths as opposed to going through them. Scaling this will have a profound impact on preserving the environment while ensuring better road connectivity.

Missing or inadequate signages are another leading cause of road crashes. Their absence results in road users being unaware of a stretch's unique features in a timely manner, which could lead to crashes. It is a common standard practice to use asbestos for creating these signages. As asbestos has an adverse impact on the environment, the ZFC programme opts only for long-lasting, high-quality, non-hazardous material for signage. Despite being more expensive than asbestos, one of the most sustainable and recyclable materials, Aluminium Composite Panels, are employed for signages. Not only is this free of toxic gas or liquids during the production process, it is also recyclable separately as aluminium and plastic, without much value or quality loss. This also makes it apt for subsequent multi-purpose usage.

Roads and the environment are inseparable spaces. They are not just our shared resources but also our joint responsibility. Therefore, safer roads and a sustainable environment can be ensured only through the joint efforts of road-owning agencies, enforcement officials and the public.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restoring faith

The Supreme Court's decision has somewhat restored the common man's faith in the judiciary ("Supreme Court to look into Bilkis Bano's petitions against release of 11 convicts", Dec. 1). The premature release of those involved in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi dented the citizens' faith in the judiciary. It is hoped that the court will undo the damage in Bilkis' case. Society has become so crime-riddled that the space for clemency has narrowed considerably.

George Jacob. E,
Kochi

Plight of the Pandits

The description of *The Kashmir Files* as a "vulgar" and propaganda" film touched a raw nerve in the right wing ecosystem ("Controversy erupts over Israeli filmmaker Nadav Lapid's comments on 'The Kashmir Files' movie, Nov. 29) and forced Nadav Lapid to apologise if his remarks had been "misinterpreted". The film was hailed by the Prime Minister. The BJP-ruled States competed with each other in promoting it by waiving taxes. The film seeks to portray the brutal attacks on Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s; critics say it demonises Muslims. Some Pandits expressed dismay that their pain is being used for commercial and political benefits and blamed the government for spreading hate. Pandits are being targeted even now in the Valley. The government doesn't seem to know how to handle this. Kashmiris of all faiths deserve a government that is responsive and sensitive to their safety and security needs.

S.K. Choudhury,
Bengaluru

In debt

This author has not mentioned how much the State government borrowed to implement these welfare schemes ("The case for welfare schemes," Dec. 1). Earlier this year, State employees rejected the government orders on pay revision. The RBI mentioned how A.P. has a high debt burden. No one objects to welfare measures, but to borrow so much to safeguard the vote bank will ruin the State's competitive edge in the long run.

Suresh Nandigam,
Tirupati

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Should there be a panel to appoint Election Commissioners?

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is a former Chief Election Commissioner of India

PARLEY

With a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court hearing a batch of petitions on having a neutral mechanism for the appointment of members of the Election Commission of India, the debate on having a collegium-like panel to select Election Commissioners has been revived. In a conversation moderated by **Abhinay Lakshman**, Jagdeep S. Chhokar and S.Y. Quraishi discuss the need for reforming the process of selection. Edited excerpts:

Is there a case for a collegium-like system for the appointment of Election Commissioners (ECs)?

S.Y. Quraishi: Yes, of course. I have been writing this, saying it in the media for a long, long time that there is a case for a collegium, that it would inspire more public confidence. The presence of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha (LoP) in the collegium particularly would lend credence to the selection process. Of course, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) is important also. But the LoP politically has a lot more importance and significance if he or she is signatory to the appointment.

Jagdeep S. Chhokar: I agree with what Dr. Quraishi has said about the collegium, whether it is of the Prime Minister, LoP and CJI, or there are also one or two other people. A broader base and consultative system would obviously be [better]. There is no comparison with the current system where the government of the day appoints ECs on its own, with nobody knowing how it is being done. So, any change of that kind will be very, very useful.

The government's opposition to reform in this area has so far been the limiting jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. And governments over the years have consistently resisted such reform. What do you have to say about that?

SYQ: Yes, we have been writing to the government. Several predecessors and I have written to the government in the last 20-25 years, and the government has been resisting because no government wants to let go of this power, which is why they have not taken any action. When I was appointed as the EC in 2006, I was told by a top functionary in the Prime Minister's Office that the Prime Minister was of the opinion that the collegium is a good idea and

File photo of former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora along with former EC Sushil Chandra during a conference in Kerala. S. MAHINSHA

is not avoidable any more, and he thought that perhaps my appointment would be the last under the old system. But it didn't happen for whatever reason.

As far as the judiciary's power to look into the issue goes, the judiciary is the guardian of the Constitution, and a free and fair election is [part of] the basic structure of the Constitution. On anything to ensure a free and fair election, the judiciary comes in very much. And in any case, the judiciary is pointing out that Article 324 requires that Parliament will pass an Act about the procedure of appointment and things like that. It has not happened in the last 72 years. So, the Supreme Court is fully justified in pointing this out. In any case, the Supreme Court has not jumped in *suo motu*. There are PILs before it, and people have gone to court in protest against the government's inaction. So, the Supreme Court has every right to ask questions and adjudicate. Why has the government been sleeping for 72 years? Why haven't they passed this?

JSC: The reason is obvious. The government wants to have complete control on the constitutional body called the Election Commission of India (ECI), which under the Constitution is supposed to be independent of the government. They have not, in a sense, been resisting. A lot of proposals have been made by the ECI and by several committees and commissions appointed by the government itself for the last 25-30 years. There have been Law Commission reports; there is a report of the

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commission to review the working of the Constitution; and going back before that, there was the Goswami Committee report, and so on. So, the government's own commissions and committees have said so, but obviously any government, irrespective of the party in power, wants to have some control over the ECI and appointing ECs directly without consulting anybody else is one obvious way of asserting its power. The government wants to make sure that the ECI, or the three members of the ECI do not have the courage to go against the government's will. That is the whole issue.

Election Commissioners are considered a feeder category for appointment as CEC, with different thresholds for termination of service. What is the power dynamic being created because of this? And is there a case to consider the appointment of ECs and CECs separate from each other?

JSC: There is no such provision either in the Constitution or in law, which has been made in 1991 called the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act, 1991. Section 4 of that unambiguously says the CEC or an EC shall hold office for a term of six years from the date he or she assumes office. Then there is a proviso, provided that where the CEC or an EC attains the age of 65 years before the expiry of the said term of six years, he or she shall vacate the office on the date on which he or she attains the said age. Now, the trick here is that the government, in its wisdom over the years, has been appointing people as ECs who do not even have six years before they complete 65 years of age, and therefore they attain 65 and they retire as an EC, or at best as the CEC after a tenure of one or two years as the CEC. But there is nothing in the law or in the Constitution which says that you cannot appoint a 58- or 59-year-old. Why can't the government appoint a 58- or a 59-year-old person as the EC and a different 58- or 59-year-old person as the CEC?

The tradition has been built up obviously by the bureaucracy, so everywhere seniority in the bureaucracy is made to count. The position of EC or CEC is not based on one's standing or seniority in the civil service. It could even be a lawyer, it could be a judge, I mean it is not a written rule anywhere. The argument given is that bureaucrats conduct elections in the districts when they are District Magistrates and so on, and therefore they have experience that nobody else has. While judges and lawyers and other people who deal with such matters could very well be appointed and even bureaucrats could be appointed at the appropriate age, the intention is not to give any EC or CEC confidence that he or she cannot be touched for the next six years.

And that is why this so-called tradition, or the system, has been evoked where batch seniority is extremely important. It is very interesting to see that seniority becomes extremely important for ECs, but within the civil service people are superseded every now and then. Then the principle of seniority is not sacrosanct. So, this issue of whether an EC and a CEC should have a fixed tenure of six years is extremely important, and I am very happy that the Constitution Bench in the Supreme Court took note of it on its own.

I think that is a matter which is very important and the ECs and CECs must have a tenure of six years which is undisturbed; and to say that an EC is always elevated to the post of CEC, that again is a created situation. The Constitution or the law does not say that anywhere at all. All three members are equal, and one is first among equals.

SYQ: I think the seniority principle is an important principle to follow, even in the Supreme Court. The short tenure of the CEC does not infringe on his or her independence. That is an independent issue. And the short tenure is happening because since 1993, we have a multi-member ECI, and we have to see the combined tenure as EC and CEC, or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.

Given that the kind of protection from termination is different for ECs and the CEC, does this not significantly complicate the position a CEC might be in after having served as EC for part of his or her tenure?

SYQ: Yes, which is why we say that while the CEC is protected from removal, the two ECs are not, which was a mistake committed at the time of passing the 1993 amendment. It should have been automatic because protection to an EC is not for the individual but for the institution. The institution was a one-member institution earlier, now it is a three-member institution. So, protection has to extend to all three.

(*The Association for Democratic Reforms is one of the petitioners in the case*)

NOTEBOOK

Keeping the wheels of democracy turning

Reporters may be concerned about the outcome of elections but taxi drivers help to understand the twists and turns of Indian democracy

Sobhana K. Nair

Taxi journalism is a byword for lazy reporting, for obvious reasons. To rely on taxi drivers who are ferrying you to the distant and unfamiliar spots for commentary, instead of talking to the people that you originally meant to meet is hardly laudable.

This, however, is not an appraisal of taxi journalism but a celebration of taxi drivers, many of whom are bewildered by reporters' aimless traipsing through the boondocks, for not abandoning their passengers in the wilderness.

A good driver is a valuable companion, especially if you are on a solo trip without a photographer. He (unfortunately I haven't encountered a woman driver on these adventures) is not only shepherding you through these back-breaking journeys, but also acting as a translator and cheering squad. They help you in unexpected ways.

I recall in Chhattisgarh, while travelling through the picturesque Bastar district on a whim, that I asked the driver to take a gravel path deep in the forest leading to a secluded village. There, I met a cheerful couple who only spoke Gondi. As I sat down with furrowed eyebrows, concentrating hard to make sense of what they were saying, suddenly my driver came in handy. He was from Raipur but he understood a few words here and there, helping me decode the parley.

Needless to say, a local driver would have been far more efficient in such a situation. In an election tour through the Seemanchal region, I was blessed to have a driver from Purnea on my side. He acted as my personal usher, gathering the crowds, announcing my credentials and goading people to talk to me. "Madam dilli se aayi hai (madam has come from Delhi)" was his opening line to those who met on the trail, who felt more comfortable addressing him than me. At one point, seeing me standing for a while, he came carrying the wooden chair from the barber shop. While it can get embarrassing and sometimes their presence can feel overbearing and patronising, such assignment travels would be difficult without these enthusiastic drivers.

More recently, I was in Gujarat to cover the ongoing Assembly elections. My driver for the 1,200 km journey around Rajkot was a 20-year-old boy, who wasn't interested in dispensing political advice or even talking. But what he lacked in words, he made up for in his sunny outlook. If we were to start the journey at 8 a.m., he would arrive at 7:30 a.m. to pick me up and would uncomplainingly drive for me until the night.

A sullen driver who grumbles every time the car takes a turn on a dirt path can be a problem, especially if you are stuck with them for four to five days. Thankfully, there have been relatively few such tedious encounters.

Why this paean to drivers? The answer is straightforward. We are privileged to closely follow the political mystery of election races and get caught up in navigating the variables of caste equations, political messaging and the voters' expectations. But the drivers really have none of this excitement to keep them going, despite which they support our journalistic missions with unflagging enthusiasm.

The only thing that I have often found difficult to handle on such long journeys is their car stereo music, which one is forced to endure.

In January this year, there were several stories about the state of media in Hong Kong and censorship. As part of the sweeping crackdown, the Chinese authorities shut down many news outlets forcing unemployment on the journalists. A news portal reported that many of these journalists turned into taxi drivers, travelling full circle. I am fairly confident, that if I am ever forced out of journalism, I would prefer to be a taxi driver, merrily eavesdropping on stories of my passengers. I might not be able to report them but at least it is always a pleasure to hear the stories of my fellow travellers.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Divided by nationality, united by sport

The United States progressed into the FIFA World Cup's pre-quarterfinals after defeating Iran at Doha, Qatar but the most defining image was when Antonee Robinson reached out to console his rival Abolfazl Jalali and the lines between the victor and the vanquished blurred. Like art, sport does that often even if it gets invested with the tropes of nationalism. GETTY IMAGES

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 2, 1972

Extremists fire shots at Bhutto's meeting

Rawalpindi, Dec. 1: Pistol-wielding extremist young men fired random shots here to break up a mammoth public meeting, addressed by President Z.A. Bhutto, when he asked dissenters for recognition of Bangladesh to look for some other Government. Confusion reigned for sometime, while Mr. Bhutto's party volunteers began chasing away breakers. Order was restored after a 20-minute scuffle, during which blows were exchanged by the two groups. One person was arrested. There were no reports of any injury. Dissenters shouted disapproval in chorus when at the end of a two-hour address, Mr. Bhutto said Frontier, Sind and Baluchistan wanted recognition. "In that case," he told them, "you will have to look for some other Government." When order was restored, Mr. Bhutto appealed to the people to be realistic and not to be carried away by emotions. Any wrong decision would only further estrange the 70 million Muslims. Those who claimed to be the custodians of Islam should bear this in mind, he said. The audience then stood up to express solidarity and chorussed approval of his policy and gave him a standing ovation. Mr. Bhutto repeated that the ultimate decision had to be taken by the people themselves and their representatives in the National Assembly.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 2, 1922

In Persia

Teheran, Dec. 1: There is a complete deadlock in the commercial negotiations between the Persian Government and Russia. The Press strongly criticises the Russian Government's unfriendly attitude in creating difficulties for the Persian merchants by raising the tariff on Persian commodities. The police strike got ended last night with arrangements having been made for the payment of arrears of wages. Many shops were broken into by thieves during the strike which caused damage to the public as well as public property.

The G-20 logo seen at Red Fort in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

‘India helming G-20 a watershed moment’

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Prime Minister’s Principal Secretary, P.K. Mishra, on Thursday described India taking over the G-20 presidency as a “watershed moment” and said it is our responsibility to showcase the country in “the most rightful ways befitting her stature and glory”. Holding G-20 meetings at 56 locations across the country will ensure that the pan-Indian nature of the event is truly showcased, he said, adding that every State government, Union Territory and citizen is a stakeholder in the process of India’s presidency.

“India has as much uniqueness as it has diversity. We have a responsibility to bring out the best traditions of India before the world,” Mr. Mishra said at a programme here.

India had got a glorious opportunity to host the largest multilateral event on its soil, Mr. Mishra said in his address at the “University Connect: Engaging Young Minds” programme held to mark the occasion of India taking over the G-20 presidency.

“G-20 presidency is an opportunity to present the diversity that is India to the outside world. Universities can train students about local history and important landmarks, art-forms and other cultural traditions of their area,” he said. Such students can then be a part of organising meetings and in guiding foreign delegates, he added.

He noted that India has taken the lead in the global sphere to spearhead the transition towards cleaner sources of energy.

G-20 Presidency unparalleled, a crucial responsibility: Jaishankar

India has assumed the Presidency of the grouping at a very challenging time in world politics; it will make citizens understand that India will be ‘more world-ready’ and the ‘world more India-ready’, says External Affairs Minister

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday took over the Presidency of the G-20 a year ahead of the summit of the grouping to be held in the national capital. The occasion was marked by a range of public events and announcements, including the illumination of 100 monuments and landmarks across the country. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said the occasion bestowed India with a great responsibility.

“This is not a development that should be regarded as one more diplomatic happening. On the contrary, it is a crucial responsibility that is being assumed by India at a very challenging time in world politics and at an inflection point in India’s own history. We are going to do G-20 very differently and today’s event itself is a proof of that,” he said at a University Connect event to mark the occasion.

The External Affairs Minister described India’s assumption of G-20 Presidency as an “unparalleled” event.

Huge responsibility: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the University Connect programme on G-20 in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

In an article published by *The Hindu* on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described India’s agenda at the G-20 as “inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented”.

Mr. Jaishankar said the G-20 brought together leading economies of the world and included two-thirds of the world’s population. India has invited Bangladesh, Mauritius, Egypt, Singapore, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Oman, Spain, and the UAE.

He said apart from the summit, there would be nearly 200 events to mark India’s Presidency.

‘Uniquely impactful’

“This is actually a gathering of extraordinary importance and one that is unparalleled in our history. But this is not the collective weight of the participants that you should take note of. The very process of holding the G-20 itself is uniquely impactful. There will be the G-20 summit in September 2023 in New Delhi but in addition there are almost 200 meetings at various other levels to Ministers and officials to domain experts, civil society and, of course, the youth. Given its significance, we would like G-20 to be not a Delhi-centric event but one that is celebrated across the width and breadth of the country,” said Mr. Jaishankar.

The countrywide spread of the event would help Indian citizens to understand that as a result of the G-20, India would be “more world-ready” and the “world more India-ready”.

Sources said apart from the main event and preparatory conferences, the G-20 summit would also include “side events” and civil society-related events and discussions.

Apart from announcements in public venues and vehicles, the occasion was marked by illumination of world-famous Indian monuments such as Qutab Minar, Fort Vellore in Tamil Nadu and the Golconda Fort in Hyderabad. The Hazarduari palace in Murshidabad and the Ancient Palace in Leh are the other monuments.

Others need not interfere in ties with U.S., says India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

No third country needs to interfere in India’s bilateral relation and military ties with the United States, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has said. India expected talks with China to lead to “disengagement” at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), MEA official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Thursday.

“Military exercise has nothing to do with 1993, 1996 agreements with China but the Chinese side needs to reflect and think its own breach of these agreements. India conducts exercises with whomsoever it chooses, it doesn’t give a veto to a third country,” said Mr. Bagchi in response to a question that had raised China’s objection to India-U.S. military exercise.

A spokesperson of China’s Foreign Ministry had objected to the 18th edition of the military exercise, ‘Yudh Abhyas’, and said the show of military strength around 100 km from the LAC in Uttarakhand violated the spirit of the border agreements of 1993 and 1996.

‘Pakistani terror groups now shifting base to Afghanistan’

Suhasini Haidar
DUSHANBE

Despite its engagement with the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, India must not let its guard down, said former Afghanistan Intelligence chief Rahmatullah Nabil, warning that Pakistani terror groups targeting India such as Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba have shifted their bases to Afghanistan with help from the Taliban, and have access to more technology and territory.

Rahmatullah Nabil

Mr. Nabil said that while engaging the Taliban was necessary for India in its “own interests”, New Delhi should keep channels open with Afghanistan’s former leaders as well, even though they are now out of power.

Mr. Nabil, who served as the director of the National Defence Secretariat under two former presidents – Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani – had closely cooperated with India during his tenure (2010-2015), and had famously resigned over Mr. Ghani’s visit to Pakistan, and his decision to set up hotlines between security chiefs.

In an interview to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of a conference of anti-Taliban Afghan leaders with U.S. and E.U. representatives, Mr. Nabil also said that he had been denied a visa by India after the Taliban takeover of Kabul in August 2021.

“For us [officials of the previous regime], we don’t have any complaints against other countries, as we had no expectations, but we have a complaint with our friends,” Mr. Nabil said.

“[After August 15, 2021], even those who were friends of India, and those who had diplomatic passports and visas, [were turned away], and visas were revoked,” Mr. Nabil said, explaining that he telephoned his former interlocutors in New Delhi to request an entry for him, his mother and family to India after the collapse of the Ghani government.

Will renew fight against what is wrong: Bilkis Bano

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NEW DELHI

“I will stand and fight again, against what is wrong and for what is right,” says Bilkis Bano, who has moved the Supreme Court challenging the remission and release of 11 convicts in the 2002 case related to her gang rape and murder of seven members of her family.

In a statement on Thursday, she said, “The decision to once again stand up and knock on the doors of justice was not easy for me. For a long time, after the men who destroyed my entire family and my life were released, I was simply numb. I was paralysed with shock and with fear for my children, my daughters, and above all, paralysed by loss of hope.”

Ms. Bano said the support from different parts of the country had renewed her courage to believe again in the idea of justice.

Unions call national meet to mull indefinite strike

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Ten Central trade unions met on Thursday and decided to hold a convention of various unions and federations on January 30 (Martyrs’ Day) in the national capital to decide on a course of action, including a proposal to go on indefinite strike against the policies of the Centre.

The unions have also rejected the Centre’s decision to appoint the RSS-supported trade union Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh as the chair of L-20, where the G-20’s labour issues are discussed.

Speaking to *The Hindu* after the meeting, Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) general secretary Harbhajan Singh Sidhu said the unions decided to launch a “long direct action” against the Centre. “This includes a proposal for an indefinite strike and other forms of protests. A final decision will be taken at the convention,” he said.

Clear stance: The unions have rejected the Centre’s decision to appoint the BMS as the chair of L-20. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The unions are protesting against the four labour codes, the Electricity Act (Amendment) Bill and the Centre not convening the Indian Labour Conference (ILC) for the past seven years. The ILC is the highest tripartite body of the government, workers and employers.

“The Centre is pushing its agenda without any consultations with the trade unions. All international conventions signed by the country at ILO are being flouted by the government. The January 30 convention will shape the future of our protests,” said INTUC vice-president R. Chandrasekharan.

Mr. Sidhu said the meeting also discussed a letter from BMS president Hiranmay Pandya for the unions’ input to discussions in the L-20 meeting. “BMS is a pro-government organisation, which is not part of any struggles of the workers. The Centre cannot arbitrarily appoint BMS as the chair of L-20,” he said.

India condoles death of former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

India on Thursday expressed its condolences over the death of former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, as Beijing announced a period of mourning and began preparations for a state memorial service to be held on December 6.

The Indian Embassy in Beijing in a message on Weibo, China’s Twitter equivalent, said it expressed “deepest condolences on the passing of former President of the People’s Republic of China, Jiang Zemin.”

Jiang passed away in Shanghai on Wednesday, aged 96.

The official *Xinhua* news agency said a funeral committee had been formed, headed by President Xi Jinping and comprising former leaders, including Mr. Xi’s predecessor Hu Jintao and former Premiers Zhu Rongji and Wen Jiabao.

The committee announced on Thursday that a memorial service will be held on December 6 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, with a three minute-silence to be observed around the country and air defence sirens sounded for three minutes.

Jiang headed the ruling Communist Party until 2002 and presided over a decade of record economic growth.

His passing comes at a sensitive moment for the party after days of protests in several cities and on more than 50 college campuses, calling for an end to lockdowns and the restrictions that are part of the “zero-COVID” policy that remains in place.

Authorities this week announced plans to ease some of the measures in response to the widespread public frustration over continued lockdowns in many parts of China.

From Page One

November GST revenues up 11% from year earlier

The Union Territories of Chandigarh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands as well as Lakshadweep also reported a drop in revenues of 3%, 7% and 79%, respectively. Revenues from areas under Central government jurisdiction fell 14%.

Chhattisgarh’s revenues were flat year-on-year, while nine States recorded slower growth than the national average revenue growth from domestic transactions of 8%. These include Odisha, Uttarakhand and Sikkim, whose revenues rose just 1% each, Madhya Pradesh (up 3%), Delhi (up 4%) and West Bengal (up 7%). The highest revenue growth among the States was seen in Arunachal Pradesh (55%), Manipur (42%), Bihar (28%), while industrial States apart from Gujarat, like Maharashtra (16%), Karnataka and Haryana (13% each), Andhra Pradesh (14.6%), and Tamil Nadu (10%).

ED attaches assets worth ₹82.77 crore linked to IAS official

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has attached properties worth ₹82.77 crore, including a super speciality hospital and a diagnostic centre in Ranchi, in connection with the money laundering probe against Jharkhand Mining Secretary Pooja Singhal.

Two land parcels located in Ranchi have also been attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The investigation is based on multiple First Information Reports registered by the State police and Vigilance Bureau.

The probe “revealed that proceeds of crime (PoC) generated from the MNREGA scam in the form of commission were deposited in different bank accounts belonging to Pooja Singhal and her relatives. The said PoC was mixed and layered with the other unaccounted money generated by Pooja Singhal, by misusing her official position.”

According to the agency, the funds were deployed as capital and investments for the further generation of illicit income. “By this *modus operandi*, Pooja Singhal amassed huge wealth disproportionate to her known source of income and source of funds invested in these immovable properties were primarily from the unaccounted cash profits generated from these PoC,” it said on Thursday.

Ms. Singhal was arrested by the ED on May 11.

Korean woman lauds India for swift action

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A South Korean woman who was sexually harassed here as she was live-streaming on social media praised India for being “swift in its action” after two youth were arrested over the incident.

“A similar incident happened to me in another country, and I was unable to even call the police. However, India was swift in its action,” she reportedly said on Thursday.

She had also said that she has been in Mumbai for three weeks and does not want to cut her trip short because of this incident.

On Tuesday, a Twitter user posted a video purportedly showing the woman being harassed by two youth as she is walking and live-streaming at Khar in suburban Mumbai.

The Twitter user wrote: “A streamer from Korea was harassed by these boys in Khar last night while she was live-streaming in front of 1,000+ people. This is disgusting and some action needs to be taken against them. This cannot go unpunished.” The user also tagged Mumbai Police in the tweet.

Thereafter, Mobeen Chand Mohammed Shaikh, 19, and Mohammed Naqeeb Sadrealam Ansari, 20, were arrested. They are in police custody.

Manoj Mane, senior inspector of Khar police station, told *The Hindu*, “They are both from Patel Nagar, Bandra and have been charged under Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354D (stalking) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code.”

Court worker seeks tips on premises, suspended

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Allahabad High Court has suspended a court *jamadar* who used Paytm QR code on the court premises to receive money from lawyers as tips.

The employee, Rajendra Kumar, has been attached to the *nazarat* (process serving agency) section.

APPEAL

Name of Patient: **B/o. SAJIDA KHATUN,** 01 month. Hospital Name: Manipal Hospitals.
Diagnosis: Congenital heart disease transposition of great arteries, IVS Intact, Moderate PDA L-R, PDA stent protruding into LPA, severe PAH. He requires to undergo arterial switch operation at the earliest. The estimated cost of the surgery is **Rs. 6,00,000/-**. We request Kind Hearted Philanthropists to save him. Kindly send donation by Cheque/D.D/M.O favouring **Save Poor Lives** and on the back of Cheque write A/c B/o. Sajida Khatun. **Our Account Details:** S/B Account No. 20000913487, State Bank of India, Raja Annamalaipuram Branch and IFSC CODE: SBIN0001855, You Can Donate through Google Pay No. **9884607377**, UPI ID: **savepoorlives@oksbi**. All donations are exempted under 80G of I.T. ACT.
Contact: SAVE POOR LIVES REGISTERED PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST, Flat No. A1, Ceebros Garden, Ground Floor, Old No. 76, Kamarajar Salai, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600 028. Contact No. **044 42044165 & 044 35691848,** Mobile: **9884607377,** E-mail: **savepoorlives@gmail.com**. Our website: **www.savepoorlives.com**

Investigate charge against Gujarat Police, Cong. tells EC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress has written to the Election Commission to investigate allegations that officers of the Gujarat Police will be in charge of securing the EVMs after polling and that the jawans of the Tripura State Rifles, who were deployed for the election, have been asked to maintain a distance from the polling booths.

"The soldiers have additionally been directed not to accompany the electronic voting machines to their secured storage places, and that two officers of the Gujarat Police will be in charge of securing the EVMs," the complaint said.

Mainpuri bypoll: EC pulls up U.P. police officers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday sought explanation from two senior Uttar Pradesh police officials for violating its instructions related to the transfer and posting of police personnel in view of the ongoing byelections to the Mainpuri Parliamentary Constituency.

It also directed the SSP of Mainpuri to relieve six officers.

Modi covers Ahmedabad in a mega roadshow, attacks Congress for Ravan jibe

The Prime Minister is scheduled to address rallies at Kankrej, Patan, Sojitra, Ahmedabad today; campaigning for the second phase of the Gujarat Assembly election will end on Saturday

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Rolling campaign: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a roadshow in Ahmedabad on Thursday as part of the Gujarat Assembly election campaign. PTI

Campaigning in his home State Gujarat on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit back at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for the Ravan comment targeting him.

The highlight of the day was a massive roadshow across Ahmedabad city, passing through around a dozen Assembly segments starting from Naroda in north Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar South in the State capital. Earlier in the day, he held a couple of rallies in central and north Gujarat seats.

Mr. Modi said that the Congress leaders feel entitled to abuse the Prime Minister and there was a "competition about who can abuse Modi more, who can deliver the most stinging attack".

It was not all right to call someone Ravan in the land of Ram devotees, he said, addressing a large gathering in Panchmahal district on Thursday amid voting for the first phase of polling in Saurashtra and South Gujarat districts.

"A few days ago, a Congress leader said Modi will die a dog's death, another said Modi will die Hitler's death. Another said if I get a chance, I will kill Modi myself," he said, adding that Congress leaders can praise only members of a family.

"Someone says Ravan, someone says demon, someone says cockroach... I am not surprised that the Congress calls Modi names, I am surprised – anyone would be – that despite using such words, the Congress never has remorse. The Congress thinks it is their right to insult Modi, the Prime Minister of this country," he said. On the one hand, the Congress and its leaders did not believe in the existence of Ram, while on the other, their party chief attacked him with Ravan comparison, he said.

During the Ahmedabad roadshow, Mr. Modi was welcomed by a huge turnout of people on either side of the route. They greeted him with petals during the drive that began around 5.20 p.m. Later in the evening, party workers burst crackers greeting the Prime Minister. Standing on a specially designed vehicle, the Prime Minister waved back at the swelling crowds.

Second phase

Ahead of the voting in 93 crucial constituencies in central and north Gujarat regions on December 5, leaders of the BJP, the Congress and the AAP are camping in the State addressing gatherings, holding rallies and leading roadshows.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann are in Gujarat.

The Prime Minister is expected to address four rallies starting from Kankrej, then Patan and Sojitra, and finally Ahmedabad on Friday where he will hold a roadshow. For the second phase, campaigning will end on Saturday evening.

Gas cylinders, bicycles, cows: distress-hit voters bring them all to booths

Press Trust of India
AHMEDABAD

Protest symbol: Ranjit Mundhva arriving with a cow and a calf to cast his vote at a polling station in Rajkot on Thursday. PTI

Cooking gas cylinders became a symbol of protest against price rise in Gujarat on Thursday as some voters carried them to polling stations during the first phase of the Assembly election.

Ranjit Mundhva went to the polling station in the Rajkot South constituency with a cow and a calf to highlight the plight of his cow-rearing Maldhari community because of the lumpy skin disease outbreak among cattle.

A Congress leader and an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate rode bicycles to the polling booths in Amreli and Rajkot cities.

Surat resident Jasmin Merchant reached a polling station in the Varachha Road constituency with a gas cylinder on his shoulder. His "master" asked him to "touch the feet" of a petrol tank and gas cylinder before leaving for the polling station, he said.

"The gas cylinder appeared in my dream at night and said it also wanted to cast vote, so I am taking it with me," Mr. Merchant said in a sarcastic tone. Congress MLA and former Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Paresh Dhanani too carried a gas cylinder on a bicycle to an Amreli booth.

"The 27 years of BJP rule has ruined Gujarat. The prices of petrol and diesel have crossed ₹100 while a gas cylinder is available for ₹1,100. How will the poor survive? My vote is to defeat inflation, slowdown, joblessness and end the corrupt and atrocious government of the BJP," Mr. Dhanani said.

His daughter, a first-time voter, also rode a bicycle with a tin of edible oil.

Dinesh Joshi, AAP candidate from Rajkot West, rode a bicycle to the polling station, carrying a gas cylinder and tin of edible oil. Junagadh city Congress president Amit Patel walked to the booth with a gas cylinder on his shoulder, but was stopped by the police from carrying it further.

In pictures | Gujarat votes in Assembly elections 2022
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Elections ending, BJP plans massive organisation-level meeting in Delhi on Dec. 5, 6

The move has led to speculation that some organisational changes may be in the offing in the party ahead of the Lok Sabha election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With campaigning for the elections to the Gujarat Assembly and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi coming to an end, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda has called a massive meeting of the party's national office-bearers, leaders in charge of States, State unit presidents and and general secretaries (organisation) from all States here on December 5 and 6.

The move has prompted speculation that some organisational changes may be in the offing.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to join the meeting by videoconference.

While the agenda of the meeting includes booth and page (of electoral roll) management committees, review of the Lok Sabha constituency tours that Union Ministers have been sent on, social media coordination, the G-20 summit and social participation in it and other programmatic and organisational meetings, the size of the meeting is significant.

Mr. Nadda is poised to get an extension of his term as party president in January. Sources in the BJP have shared with *The Hindu* that the review meeting signals that the BJP president may want to make some organisational changes as the party gears up for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

No party polls

"Mr. Nadda's term will be extended by a year, and in 2024, there won't be internal elections so close to the Lok Sabha election. The same team will be in place for those polls. But in order to give some amount of freshness, there will be some changes and appointments to key roles," a senior party office-bearer said.

"There will be feedback taken on the Lok Sabha *pravas* programme and attempts to bridge any gaps that this programme has highlighted in terms of organisational and narrative readiness ahead of the Lok Sabha election. Membership data for the party will also be gone into in detail as per the agenda of the meeting," the source said.

The meeting will start at 2.30 p.m. on December 5 after a formal lunch for all those attending. On the second day, the meeting will wind up around 4 p.m.

Another meeting of general secretaries of organisation (key position in the BJP's organisation structure) will conclude late on December 6.

Congress targets BJP for high petrol, diesel prices, accuses it of 'fuel loot'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of continuing with its "fuel loot" despite international crude prices hitting a 10-month low. Former party chief Rahul Gandhi too targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over high prices of petrol and diesel.

"On May 16, 2014 (Delhi) - Crude per barrel was USD 107.09. Petrol - ₹71.51 and Diesel - ₹57.28. On December 1, 2022 - Crude per barrel is USD 87.55. Petrol - ₹96.72. Diesel - ₹89.62. Crude is [at] 10-month low, But BJP's loot remains high!", Mr. Kharge said in a tweet.

He shared the tweet with a graphic that read: "Stop Fuel Loot".

'People are suffering'

Mr. Gandhi said while global crude oil rates have come down by as much as 25% in the last six months, the government has not reduced a single rupee in petrol and diesel prices in the country.

"In the last 6 months, crude oil has become cheaper by more than 25%. Petrol and diesel prices in the country can be reduced by more than ₹10, but the government has not reduced even one rupee. The people of India are suffering from inflation. The Prime Minister is engrossed in recovery," Mr. Gandhi said in a Hindi tweet.

The timing of the tweets is significant as the Congress has made high fuel prices, including of cooking gas, and price rises the key campaign issues in the Gujarat Assembly election.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, ANANDAPUR BARRAGE PROJECT, SALAPADA
(E-mail id: cceabp@gmail.com/loabpbbsr@gmail.com)
E-procurement Notice No. CCEABP- 09 of 2022-23

E-Procurement officer	Name of the work	Bid id NO	Tender cost in Lakhs (Appx)	Bid security (online)	Cost of Bid Document (online)	Class of contractor	Period of comple tion	Availability of tender on line for bidding		Date of opeinng of techincal Bid (Cover-1)
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Chief Construction Engineer A.B Project, Salapada	Excavation and Cement Concrete Lining of Baitarani Right Bank Canal (BRBC) from RD 6810 m to RD 9000 m including construction of structures and service road	ABP-ACD-01/9 OF 2022-23	1934.00	Bid Security Declaration	10,000/-	'A' & Spl. Class	12 calander months	06.12.22 11.30 AM	26.12.22 5.00 PM	27.12.22 11.30 AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt website www.tendersorissa.gov.in/www.dowrodisha.gov.in
Addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only.

Chief Construction Engineer,
Anandapur Barrage Project, Salapada.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited to the post of Member (Legal), Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission upto **6.00 P.M.** on **17.12.2022.** Further details are available at **http://www.tn.gov.in/department/7**

DIPR/1228/Display/2022 **Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

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Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle, Dungarpur
No. SE/Acc./2022/2621 **Date:-** 17/11/2022
E-NIT No. 08/2022-23

Bids for the works **Construction of Detko Ka vela Anicut GP Kankradara, Kharuda fala Anicut GP Chakmahudi and Baladit Anicut GP Thana Tehsil and District Dungarpur** are invited from interested bidder's up to dated 15.12.2022 till 6.00 PM.
Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/ wrd

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DIPR/C/15195 **Dungarpur**

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No.: D-1258 **Date:** 21.11.2022
Notice Inviting Bid (07/2022-23)
NIB:- PWD2223A2889

Bids for Development Works at Sarveshwar Mahadev Temple, Parsoliya, District Banswara, Rehabilitation of Non-Patchable Roads in District Banswara under RIDE-XXVIII and Rehabilitation of various damaged BT Road in Banswara District under Package No. RJ-03-05/NP/SRF-RR/2022-23 are invited from interested bidders from Dated 23.11.2022 9.30 am to 12.12.2022 6.00 pm. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement in Rs. 612.00 Lacs.
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No. KPCL/2022-23/IND 6294 **Dated: 29.11.2022**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

Bids are invited in two-part system from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/ OES/ Authorised Dealer/ Supplier for the work of **Supply of Current Transformers & potential Transformer for Shivasamudram Hydroelectric station, Gaganacukki Falls Road, Shivasamudram, (Bluff), Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka.** The details of brief bid notification can also be seen on KPCL website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in** and may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submission of bids: **15.12.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.** Furher details can be had from the **Chief Engineer (Electrical Designs),** KPCL, 3rd Floor, Drugs Control Office premises, Site No. 3, Survey No. 13/3, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Karnataka. Mobile: 094495 98913, 91416 07619. E-mail: ceedkpcl@gmail.com, ceedee5kpcl@gmail.com

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E-NIT No. 16/2022-23
NIB NO WRD2223A0517

Bids for the following works are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM, dated 15.12.2022.

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs. in lacs)
1	Construction of Bhuwasa Anicut, Tehsil-Sagwara, Distt-Dungarpur	3157.30
2	Repair, Renovation of Lodesar and Tamtiya MIP, Tehsil-Sagwara & Galiyakot, Distt-Dungarpur	758.55

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http:// sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/ wrd
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DIPR/C/15073 **Additional Chief Engineer Water Resources Zone, Udaipur**

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Government of Tamil Nadu
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignment for Project Monitoring Unit of TNUHDB under the World Bank financed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Selection of Individual Consultant:

(1) Urban Management Specialist (Affordable Housing) for PMU

The detailed REOI and Terms of Reference are available in the websites - **www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in** and **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted for the assignment. Last date and time for submission of EOI is **16.12.2022 up to 5:45 PM.** The EOI shall be sent to Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit - World Bank Project, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 600 005, Tamil Nadu, India.
E-mail: **tnuhdbprocurement@gmail.com**

Superintending Engineer,
Project Monitoring Unit

DIPR/5330/Tender/2022

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	**20/ F. 363 habs CWSS./JJM /DO II/ CW /Dt. 30.11.2022**
Funding Pattern	JJM Fund - 2022-23
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007.
Sale of Bid	**05.12.2022 to 04.01.2023** upto **15.00 hours**
EMD Payable	1. Online Mode through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in (OR)** 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, TWAD, **RWS Division, Thoothukudi**
Pre Bid meeting	**21.12.2022** at **11.00 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**04.01.2023** before **15.00 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**05 .01.2023** at **15.30 hours** at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. Bid value (including 18% GST)	Bid Security
20	**Jal Jeevan Mission** – CWSS to 363 rural habitations in 6 panchayat unions of Thoothukudi District with river Tamirabarani as source (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance: 60 months)	Rs.300.00 Crore	Rs.150.00 lakhs

DIPR/ 5338 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS **Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai**
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INBRIEF

Aftab undergoes narco analysis test in Delhi hospital

Aftab Poonawalla, accused in the Shraddha Walkar killing case, on Thursday underwent a narco analysis test at the Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital in Delhi, officials said. Sources said that Aftab was brought from the Tihar jail to the hospital around 8.40 a.m, where the narco test went on till around 10 a.m. following which he was kept under observation. Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Sagar Preet Hooda said that the process of narco test had been completed. "A team including a psychologist from the forensic lab in Rohini, a photo expert and doctors from the Ambedkar Hospital were present during the narco test," said Assistant Director (FSL Rohini) Sanjeev Gupta.

IB, CBI chiefs to get pay on a par with IAS Secretaries

The government has cleared the decks for Directors of Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to receive salary at par with Secretary-rank IAS officers. Earlier only 11 senior-most IPS officers on central deputation were entitled to the apex scale salary. The order ensures the highest salary to the two top police posts. "If an officer who is not among the top 11 IPS officers in the Centre holds the posts, he would lose out on the enhanced salary whereas there is no such limit for IAS officers," said an IPS officer. On November 30, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved a proposal to exclude the two posts from an order that stalled the top scale for them.

Delhi Police against Tharoor's discharge in wife death case

The Delhi Police on Thursday approached the Delhi High Court challenging an August 2021 trial court's order discharging Congress leader Shashi Tharoor from all charges, including abetment to suicide, in connection with the death of his wife Sunanda Pushkar in January 2014. During the brief hearing, senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for Mr. Tharoor, stated that the trial court order had been challenged after a delay of about 15 months. Mr. Pahwa further asked that the records of the case may not be not shared with anyone who was not a party to it.

Mumbai airport server crash delays check-ins and flights

A server crash at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Terminal 2 on Thursday evening caused check-ins to be delayed and affected flight take-off schedules. Passengers at Terminal 2, which mostly deals with international flights but also handles domestic planes, were waiting in long queues for more than an hour for check-ins and baggage drops. Meanwhile, the airport's official spokesperson said that there was no disruption in flight operations. "There was a network interruption resulting from a cable cut during some construction work in the city. This interrupted the various ticketing systems," he said.

Is there a compelling reason for GM mustard; will it not affect environment, asks SC

Attorney-General says a regulatory process has been put in place, review of the GM crop had been undertaken minutely over a lengthy period of time, and there were no shortcuts taken

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Union government if there was a "compelling reason" for it to press ahead with the release of GM mustard, asking if Indian agriculture would be "doomed" if genetically modified crops were not made available.

"Is there a compelling reason to release this hybrid DMH-11 [Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11] now... Can you not take into account bringing more safeguards, safety measures, experimentation, consultation and consider releasing it at a later stage after gaining a better understanding of it... Why we are asking you this is it is said the release now would permanently and irreparably affect the environment," Justice B.V. Nagarathna told Attorney-General R. Venkataramani and Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the government.

The court's question came a day after petitioners argued that the regulatory system under the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), which cleared the environmental release of DMH-11, a genetically engineered variant of mustard, was "horrendous" and riddled with conflict of interest.

Rich harvest: In the court, advocate Prashant Bhushan questioned the need for GM mustard when India was home to 5,477 varieties of mustard. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, for petitioner-activist Aruna Rodrigues, questioned the need to use GM mustard when India was home to 5,477 varieties of mustard.

Mr. Venkataramani dismissed the need to look for a "compelling reason" as an argument based on ideology. He said the government had taken a policy decision. A regulatory process had been put in place. The review of the GM crop had been undertaken minutely over a lengthy period of time. There were no shortcuts taken to nudge an environmental clearance. "After you cross a certain stage, when your anxieties and doubts have been by and large resolved, there is no question of a compelling reason," Mr. Venkataramani submitted.

Indian context

Justice Nagarathna said the court's questions were based on the Indian context.

Mr. Venkataramani said it would be a "different story if everything is left entirely in the hands of farmers". He reiterated that the question before the court was not the "compelling reason" behind the GM crop policy but only the process of review and testing involved. "To say the government is blind to the Indian context is something very far-fetched," Mr. Venkataramani submitted.

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari said the Supreme Court's Technical Expert Committee (TEC) had said GM crops were not meant for Indian agriculture.

The court would resume hearing the case on December 7.

Centre to cut funds if land is not allotted for housing scheme

Rural Development Ministry says 2.06 crore houses have been constructed till November

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The States unable to provide land to the landless beneficiaries of the Union government's flagship housing scheme by December 15 will find their targets for this financial year redistributed to other States, the Centre warned recently.

This means that the Centre will withdraw its share of funds allocated to errant States under the Centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G).

More than a fifth of such landless beneficiaries are in Tamil Nadu.

The scheme was launched in April 2016 with a goal of building 2.95 crore houses for the rural poor by March 2022, with the target figure derived from the Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2011.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the deadline was extended by two years till March 2024.

As per the statistics available with the Union Ministry of Rural Development, 2.06 crore houses had been constructed till November 2022.

With the scheme entering its final phase, the construction of houses for at least 2.5 lakh landless beneficiaries across the country is one of the last impediments. "Providing land to the landless PMAY-G beneficiaries for the construction of the houses is of utmost importance since they are among the most deserving beneficiaries in the permanent wait list of the scheme," Rural Development Secretary N.N. Sinha told *The Hindu*.

The original figure of 4.48 lakh landless beneficiaries has shrunk to 2.56 lakh since the beginning of the scheme because of financial assistance provided to purchase land. However, 43% of landless beneficiaries are yet to be provided with land.

Tamil Nadu, with 56,709 landless beneficiaries still on the wait list, followed by Maharashtra (48,272), Assam (23,064), Odisha (19,869) and Bihar (16,943).

Tamil Nadu has been particularly slow in providing help – it started out with 57,680 landless beneficiaries, and has provided land to only 971 , according to Ministry data.

India has been cautious on the use of force: Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

If India is threatened tomorrow, there is no ambiguity that it will use force, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Thursday. However, he also stated that the country had been cautious on the use of force, noting that over the last 75 years since Independence, India had "mostly used force defensively when it was threatened, almost always within its own borders."

To a question on the application of force outside the national jurisdiction, posed at a book launch, he said that India had relatively limited experience of that. "One is Sri Lanka in 1987. It was very difficult, very troubling and at the end of the day a very counter-productive experience. That did scar policymakers for a generation. Don't get sucked into endless, open-ended commitments," he said. He was speaking at an event to launch *Grasping greatness: Making India a leading power* on the last day of the Global Technology Summit organised by Carnegie India in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs. The book was edited by Ashley J. Tellis, Bibek Debroy and C. Raja Mohan.

The Minister said that most countries were cautious on the use of force outside their jurisdictions while there were exceptions like the U.S. "They would like to keep it targeted, purposeful and would avoid getting sucked into something they cannot see," he added.

Now use your face as boarding pass at Delhi, Varanasi, Bengaluru airports

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Passengers traveling from Delhi, Varanasi and Bengaluru will be able to use their face as boarding pass from December 1 to enter these airports, to access the security check area and pass the boarding gate. Travellers will have to mandatorily provide their Aadhaar details to avail themselves of this service.

The technology, however, is not available at airline check-in counters at the moment and is expected to be introduced at a later stage, said airport sources.

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the technological initiative called "Digi Yatra" at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi on Thursday.

Photo finish: Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia during the launch of the DigiYatra facility. PTI

The facility is also expected to be operational at Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune and Vijayawada by March 2023, and then gradually across various airports in the country.

'Not mandatory'

The service is voluntary in nature, and is currently available only for domestic flights.

At Delhi airport, for instance, it will be available only at one airport entry gate at Terminal 3, one security-check lane and two boarding gates.

Under the DigiYatra process, a passenger will first be required to download the Digi Yatra app on his or her phone, register with an OTP received on the Aadhaar-linked mobile number, upload Aadhaar details and a photo followed by uploading the boarding pass for the upcoming travel. This will now allow the passenger to enter the airport building after scanning the QR code on the digital boarding pass followed by a facial scan. Next, the passenger can gain access to the security area too with a mere face scan.

The passenger will have to continue to use the traditional method for check-in and baggage drop, which involves a digital or a paper boarding pass along with other identity documents.

Speaking about privacy concerns, Mr. Scindia said that passenger's identity details and personally identifiable information (PII) will be stored in a secure wallet in the passenger's phone.

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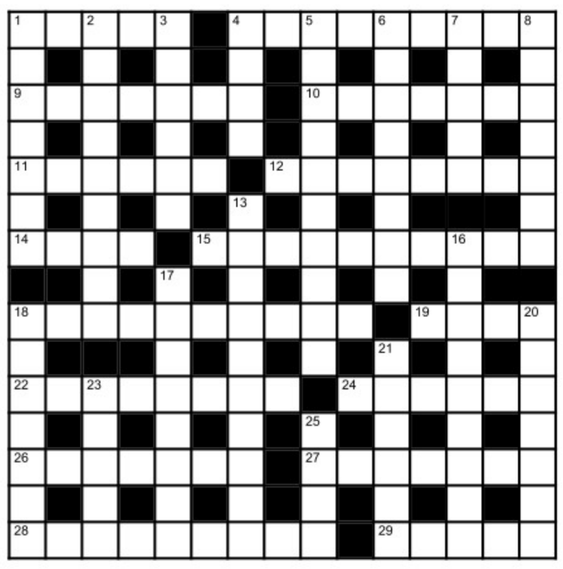

Across

1 Father-and-son time, with a load of carbs (5)
4 Composer snorts coke frequently on Scottish mountain where one's hard to notice (9)
9 Pulls a fast one on women going for feminine dresses (7)
10 Record one's energy intake measurement? Makes sense! (7)
11 In the morning, drink a spot of espresso over puzzle (6)
12 Top players abandoned tour to join short excursion (8)
14 Perhaps pine after revenge regularly (4)
15 After a reorganization, ranger quit division (10)
18 Tech worker supporting language restrictions on the radio (10)
19 Characters shared by African, Mexican, and American? (4)
22 Away from the centre of battle, overcome by frightful doubts, having lost a bit of blood (8)
24 Extremely childish clash about earliest place of worship (6)
26 Grill Gussalufz about being controlled by coffee (7)
27 Sweep off exes full of censure (7)
28 Loony to go after wealth-shielded king for a small food item (6,3)
29 Subject of revolting mega new film: taking clothes off (5)

Down

1 Crept up, bearing beverage and plan (7)
2 Burn half of late forties carelessly (3,4,2)
3 Principles of mathematics primarily described by X/Y, say (6)
4 Captain of second-rate old ship (4)
5 Mining complexes with sillier eco code (10)
6 Produced appeal; ball tracking initially upheld catch (8)
7 The Reverend's tea, no crunchy snack (5)
8 Hesitant gangster goes through troubled night (7)
13 Malcontent corrupt guru conned them, then somehow disappeared (10)
16 Toss coin: anger or bliss? (9)
17 Make life less country-oriented (Benazir Bhutto's third reform) (8)
18 Investigation implicates liberal magazine's first issue (7)
20 Marathoner, maybe allowed to wear two articles? (7)
21 24 hours in horrible place (6)
23 Tonight, finally, it's a new moon (5)
25 Trial ends in court, evidence was insufficient (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The quintessence of Vedas

The origin of Vedas cannot be traced. They have been in existence from time immemorial. In Tamil, the Vedas are called "seyyamozhi" – denoting that it is not authored by anyone. The Vedas tell us the codes of conduct, morals and the virtuous traits needed to our life in the form of commands. The same guidelines as stipulated in the Vedas are transcribed in the form of historic events in the epics Ramayana and Mahabharatha. That is why the Mahabharatha is considered as fifth Veda.

In Tamil, the work of poet Kambar is called Kamba Ramayanam and Villiputhur Azhwan has composed Villi Bharatham. For the machine-like man, the manual prescribed is the Vedas and both the authors have given the essence and import of the Vedas in their work in a nutshell. They presented it in a lucid manner, which is easily understandable. The concept of brotherhood is explained both in the Ramayana and the Mahabharatha. How can the same be explained in two different epics? Shri Nagai Mukundhan said in a discourse that the Ramayana has revealed it through positive approach while the Mahabharatha by negative approach.

How should brothers behave with each other and how to foster relationship is well enacted in a positive manner through Rama and his brothers in the Ramayana. Why should we not develop enmity, anger and animosity with our brothers and what would the result be are conveyed through Duryodhana in the Mahabharatha. Saint poet Tiruvalluvar has given us Thirukkural. He incorporated in that all the tenets and values found in the Vedas. By reading these great Tamil works, we can derive all benefits.

WASHINGTON

Biden, Macron vow to coordinate on facing 'China's challenge'

AP

U.S. President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron pledged together on Thursday to coordinate on the "challenge" of China and jointly called for stability on the Taiwan Strait. "The U.S. and France will coordinate on our concerns regarding China's challenge to the rules-based international order," said a statement.

JERUSALEM

Netanyahu reaches coalition deal with Religious Zionism party

AP

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu reached a coalition deal with the far-right Religious Zionism party, bringing him closer to securing a new government, Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party said on Thursday. Religious Zionism will be given control of the Finance Ministry as part of a rotation, Likud said.

LODZ

EU's Borrell says Russia must pay for Ukraine reconstruction

GETTY IMAGES

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said at regional security talks on Thursday that he plans to discuss with his counterparts any available legal means to ensure Russia pays for the reconstruction of war-torn Ukraine. Mr. Borrell spoke at the start of this year's ministerial conference of OSCE in the central Polish city of Lodz. AFP

MADRID

Spain PM got letter bomb similar to the one at Ukraine Embassy

REUTERS

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez received a letter last week which was "similar" to one which exploded at Ukraine's Embassy in Madrid, officials said on Thursday. Security staff carried out a "controlled explosion" of the item, whose "content was similar" to that found in other letters sent to the Ukrainian Embassy. AFP

Debt talks in Sri Lanka put spotlight on China loans

Beijing will have to play 'a major role' in Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process, with $ 7.4 billion, or 19.6 %, of the island's outstanding public debt owed to China, says a new research paper

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

As Sri Lanka works hard to obtain financing assurances from its diverse creditors – a pre-requisite for the provisional $2.9-billion IMF package – the loans obtained from China, the island nation's largest bilateral lender, have come under sharp focus.

Earlier this week, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Nandalal Weerasinghe told reporters that if Sri Lanka missed the December deadline [to report to the IMF], "we still have time until January". While authorities maintain that negotiations with creditors are "progressing well", they are yet to spell out where exactly the government's debt restructuring efforts stand.

Months after opting for a pre-emptive and disorderly default on its $51 billion foreign debt, Sri Lanka reached a staff level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in September. The government said the programme would put Sri Lanka's battered economy on a path to recovery and reform, making the bankrupt country eligible to borrow again from international sources. The IMF made its support contingent on Sri Lanka obtaining adequate financing assurances from all its creditors. While private lenders, mainly holders of International Sovereign Bonds, account for the largest chunk of Sri Lanka's external debt, China, India, and Japan are the top three bilateral creditors, and play a crucial part in the ongoing negotiations.

Under scanner: The Hambantota International Port is one of the Rajapaksa-era mega infrastructure projects funded by China. AFP

Speaking in Parliament on Wednesday, Opposition legislator from the Tamil National Alliance Shanakiyan Rasamanickam accused China of stalling Sri Lanka's IMF deal and "forcing down" unnecessary projects by "paying bribes" to Sri Lankans. "If China is truly Sri Lanka's friend, ask the Chinese to help with the [debt] restructuring and the IMF programme," he said.

Referring to Rajapaksa-era mega infrastructure projects in Hambantota and Colombo, funded by the Chinese, the Batticaloa MP said: "That is not China being Sri Lanka's friend, that is China being Mahinda Rajapaksa's friend."

Bilateral talks

Responding to the TNA legislator on Twitter, the Chinese Embassy said working teams of different Chinese banks had visited the island, and "bilateral negotiations are on".

The Embassy contended that his understanding was "incorrect and incomplete."

China will have to play "a major role" in Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process, with $ 7.4 billion or 19.6 % Sri Lanka's outstanding public debt owed to China at the end of 2021, a recent paper by Sri Lankan Economists Umesh Moramudali and Thilina Panduwawala has noted. "It will be the first time a major Asian Belt and Road Initiative borrower is going through the process... China's approach to Sri Lanka's debt restructuring and the extent of debt relief offered will set a precedent for China's role and behaviour in other countries as well," the authors observed in their research study published by the China Africa Research Initiative, at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington D.C.

Diplomatic sources in Colombo said they were awaiting more "clarity" on the exact process of debt restructuring, on whether Sri Lanka is adhering to the principle of "comparative and equitable treatment" of all creditors, and the "salutary effect" the process might have on the Sri Lankan economy.

Chinese official signals easing of COVID-19 rules after protests

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

After days of unprecedented protests against three years of stringent COVID-19 restrictions, Chinese authorities have this week signalled a pathway towards gradually easing some of the measures and a change in policy. The top official in charge of the pandemic policy, Vice-Premier Sun Chunlan, in a meeting held on Wednesday with scientists of the National Health Commission and with frontline health workers, said the country's battle against the pandemic was now facing "a new situation" with the "decreased pathogenicity" of the Omicron variant.

Her comments marked the first instance of any senior Chinese official saying so, and a stark contrast from continued official messaging describing COVID-19 as a life-threatening disease, which was a justification for continuing the zero-COVID policy.

Sun Chunlan

The government also announced plans this week to step up vaccinations of the large number of vulnerable elderly citizens, the other commonly cited reason for continuing the policy which calls for lockdowns, mass testing and quarantining of positive cases and close contacts.

Ms. Sun said "the country is facing a new situation and new tasks in epidemic prevention and control as the pathogenicity of the Omicron virus weakens, more people are vaccinated and experience in containing the virus is accumulated," the official *Xinhua* news agency quoted her as saying. She "urged efforts to further optimise the COVID-19 response, improve diagnosis, testing, treatment and quarantine measures, strengthen immunisation of the whole population, particularly the elderly, and step up the preparation of medications and other medical resources."

Health experts have said vaccinating the elderly will be a key requirement for opening up. Chinese media outlet *Caixin* reported on Wednesday authorities plan to vaccinate as much as 90% of the 30 million above-80 population with at least one dose by the end of January, up from the current 76%. Only 40% of this age group, however, has completed the three doses of Chinese vaccines shown to be required to prevent hospitalisation and death, according to data from Hong Kong.

In a meeting with frontline health workers, Ms. Sun said China possessed adequate drugs for treatment. The zero-COVID policy, which was backed by Chinese President Xi Jinping as recently as October and framed as one of the key legacies of his second term, is likely to be eased only gradually, over coming months, in the view of most observers.

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UBN:- WRD2223WLOB02167 **Additional Chief Engineer**
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Amidst war, Ukraine Minister appears at tech fest in U.S.

Jacob P. Koshy
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

An annual technology conference in Las Vegas that typically hosts coders and computer scientists had an unusual visitor: Mykhailo Albertovych Fedorov, one of Ukraine's three Vice Prime Ministers, and the war-ravaged country's youngest Cabinet Minister at 31.

As Minister of Digital Transformation, Mr. Fedorov has for months appealed to Silicon Valley czars and technology leaders for help and assistance. In May, Mr. Fedorov tweeted out to Elon Musk for help with restoring communication facilities after Russian attacks damaged their mobile and telecommunications infrastructure. This led to terminals from Mr. Musk's satellite company, Starlink, being shipped to Ukraine.

The war, which has been on since February this year and is in its first winter, has left thousands of Ukrainians without access to electricity, heating and communication infrastructure. This has prompted more vocal support from NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) members to help bolster energy infrastructure and weapons to counter Russia.

> As you know, the Russians are targeting our energy infrastructure, but our partnership with cloud companies means that Russian missiles can't destroy the cloud
>
> **MYKHAILO FEDOROV**
> Vice Prime Minister, Ukraine

At re:Invent, an annual, flagship technology conference, organised by Amazon Web Services (AWS), Mr. Fedorov was present in person and described the ongoing war as "...the most technologically advanced war in human history..." and on stage signed an agreement with AWS that committed to helping Ukraine bolster its digital infrastructure.

Mr. Fedorov, even prior to the war, has exhorted technology companies around the world – predominantly in the United States – to help the country move its digital data into cloud based applications. "As you know, the Russians are targeting our energy infrastructure, but our partnership with cloud companies means that Russian missiles can't destroy the cloud," he said via a translator, "Everyday, we see how can technologies kill, but we also see how technologies can help. Now in Ukraine, technology is saving people's lives, houses, workplaces on a daily basis."

Liam Maxwell, AWS Director of Government Digital Transformation, who signed the agreement on behalf of AWS, said that in February 2022 Ukraine's Parliament authorised shifting government and private sector data to move to the cloud which is when the company "started engaging really closely with the Ukrainians."

(The writer is being hosted at re:Invent by AWS)

Racism row erupts as William, Kate visit Boston

Associated Press
LONDON

Prince William's office said "racism has no place in our society" as he sought to prevent the backlash over his godmother's treatment of a Black advocate for survivors of domestic abuse from overshadowing his trip to the United States.

Lady Susan Hussey, 83, resigned on Wednesday as an honorary member of the royal household after the chief executive of an east London women's refuge said Ms. Hussey repeatedly asked her where she "really came from" after she told the older woman that she was British. The exchange took place at a Buckingham Palace reception for those working to end domestic violence.

The incident reignited allegations of "institutional racism" at the palace on the first day of the Prince and Princess of Wales' visit to Boston.

The episode is a reminder of last year's comments by Ms. Meghan, the duchess of Sussex, in an interview with American TV host Oprah Winfrey.

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2) E-Tender Notice No.CPC-21/2022-23:- Bids are invited for "Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of high temperature low sag (HTLS) Conductor after dismantling of ACSR Zebra Conductor in existing 220 kV D/C Tarkera- Bisra (PGCIL) line in Sundergarh District of Odisha on Turnkey contract basis".

Complete set of bidding documents are available on **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in.** from Dt. (01.12.2022) / (11.00 AM).

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1	38/2022-23	WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE DANVARLI FOR PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTIONS UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION SUB DN FALNA DIVISION FALNA DISTT.- PALI	291.04	PHE2223WSOB09685
2	39/2022-23	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME KURANTIYA MANPURA AND RAMGARH SODETAN TEHSIL RAIPUR DISTT PALI UNDER JJM	502.41	PHE2223WSOB09686
3	40/2022-23	WORK OF REGIONAL RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME RAWANIYA, NAYA BADIYA AND DUJODIYA TEHSIL RAIPUR DISTT PALI UNDER JJM	497.30	PHE2223WSOB09687
4	41/2022-23	WORK OF REGIONAL RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME RATADIYA AND SHELPURA TEHSIL RAIPUR DISTT PALI UNDER JJM	586.83	PHE2223WLOB09688
5	42/2022-23	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES BOOTIWAS TEHSIL RAIPUR DISTT PALI UNDER JJM	490.78	PHE2223WSOB09689
6	43/2022-23	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KHODIYA TEHSIL SOJAT DISTT PALI UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION	421.68	PHE2223WSOB09690
7	44/2022-23	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES BEEJA GUDA LADPURA TEHSIL SOJAT DISTT PALI UNDER JJM	351.92	PHE2223WSOB09691

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal- http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state, and PHED department website.

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INBRIEF

'India's entire 2/3-wheeler fleet needs $285 bn to turn electric'

The complete electrification of India's entire fleet of two and three-wheelers will require financing to the tune of $285 billion (nearly ₹23 lakh crore), according to the World Economic Forum's White Paper published in collaboration with NITI Aayog. The WEF paper said the last-mile and urban delivery fleets were leading the adoption of electric two-and three-wheelers in India and were likely the first segments to transition completely to electric. PTI

India's digital rupee fails to excite interest, bankers say

A month into India's pilot project for using an official digital rupee for inter-bank and institutional transactions, stakeholders are seeing no benefits, bankers said. Seven bankers said using the RBI's e-rupee was much the same as net-based banking, adding each trade using the e-rupee, however, had to be settled individually. It also adds to banks' accounting work, they said. The RBI also began a new e-rupee trial, for consumers and retailers on December 1. REUTERS

Sanjay Malhotra takes charge as Revenue Secretary

Senior bureaucrat Sanjay Malhotra took charge as the secretary in Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance. Mr. Malhotra replaced Tarun Bajaj, who superannuated on November 30. A 1990-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, Mr. Malhotra was working as an officer on special duty (OSD) in the revenue department since October this year. He is an IIT-Kanpur alumnus and holds a master's degree in public policy from the Princeton University, U.S. PTI

Manufacturing PMI signals output, orders at 3-mth high

S&P Global says easing input costs, resilient demand lift producers' confidence; export orders expand; pace at which producers passed on costs to consumers was the slowest since February

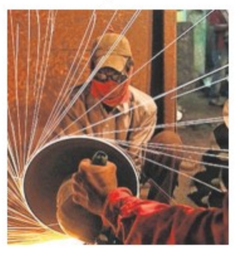
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

November saw India's manufacturing sector record the best uptick in output and new orders since August, with falling input costs lifting sentiment to an eight-year high, as per the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). The index rose to 55.7, from 55.3 in October.

While companies reported a notable improvement in international demand, with new export orders expanding at the second-fastest pace since May, inflation in input costs dropped sharply to the lowest in 28 months.

Picking up pace

A sharp drop in inflation in input costs to the lowest level in 28 months helped lift sentiment



- Employment rose solidly as firms readjusted operating capacities to match pick-up in sales
- 92% of 400 firms surveyed did not tweak their charges from October levels despite rising input costs
- Though the consumer and intermediate goods categories showed an uptick, capital goods producers reported a slowdown

While costs of metals, paper and transportation continued to rise, the pace at which producers passed on costs was the slowest since February. In fact, 92% of the 400 firms surveyed did not tweak charges from October levels.

New orders and output accelerated in consumer and intermediate goods, but capital goods logged a slowdown. Employment rose solidly as firms readjusted operating capacities to meet a pick-up in sales.

"Participants were also strongly confident in both buoyancy of demand... and their ability to lift production," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Consumption of power rose 14% to 113 bn units in Nov.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's power consumption logged a double-digit growth of 13.6% to 112.81 billion units in November 2022 compared with the year-earlier period, as per government data.

The robust growth mainly indicates an increase in economic activities as it generally remains subdued in November.

Experts said power consumption would further rise in the coming months due to use of heating appliances and improvement in economic activity on account of the beginning of the new rabi crop season.

Centre halves windfall profit tax on crude, cuts diesel levy

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday slashed to less than half the windfall-profit tax on domestically produced crude oil and also reduced the levy on diesel.

The revised tax rates become effective from December 2. In the fortnightly revision of windfall-profit tax, the government cut the rate on export of diesel to ₹8 per litre from ₹10.5 per litre. The levy includes ₹1.5 per litre as road infrastructure cess.

November car sales grow 31%, set for record pace in 2022

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Carmakers have logged the best-ever November sales as demand for personal transport continued to remain strong even after the end of the high-selling festive season, driving towards record sales in 2022.

Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Tata Motors and Mahindra saw double-digit growth in dispatches to dealers last month, making it the best-ever November for the passenger vehicle industry.

Maruti said its domestic wholesales rose 18% to 1,39,306 units. Senior executive officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said the industry's wholesales grew by 31% to 3,22,860 units last month.

This is the sixth consecutive month that the industry has seen three lakh-plus sales in wholesales, Mr. Srivastava added.

Now, the projected calendar year sales number, including December, is 38 lakh units, he said.

Hyundai Motor India reported a 30% rise in last month to 48,003 units.

Tata Motors saw a 55% increase in total passenger vehicle dispatches to 46,037 units. Similarly, Mahindra & Mahindra posted a 56% rise in domestic passenger vehicle sales at 30,392 units in November.

In the two-wheeler segment, TVS Motor Company said its domestic two-wheeler sales registered a growth of 9% to 1,91,730 units last month.

'India's jobless rate rose to 3-month high of 8% in Nov.'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's unemployment rate rose to 8% in November, the highest in three months, from 7.77% in the previous month, data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) showed on Thursday.

The urban unemployment rate rose to 8.96% in November from 7.21% in the previous month, according to the data.

The rural unemployment rate slipped to 7.55% from 8.04%, it showed.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	63,284	0.29
US Dollar	81.26	0.04
Gold	53,677	0.70
Brent oil	88.98	4.31

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3915.10	-2.80
Adani Ports	890.55	9.55
Apollo Hosp	4775.70	49.30
Asian Paints	3179.35	4.20
Axis Bank	903.85	2.60
Bajaj Auto	3707.60	-43.10
Bajaj Finserv	1638.80	12.30
Bajaj Finance	6747.75	26.80
Bharti Airtel	848.60	-0.15
BPCL	338.60	-2.55
Britannia Ind	4401.25	38.95
Cipla	1124.90	-14.75
Coal India	226.10	-1.15
Divis Lab	3409.05	4.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4474.35	-12.80
Eicher Motors	3437.45	-47.05
Grasim Ind	1799.95	40.20
HCL Tech	1136.40	15.60
HDFC	2700.95	8.40
HDFC Bank	1619.50	11.05
HDFC Life	596.45	5.85
Hero MotoCorp	2871.80	19.90
Hindalco	463.40	12.70
Hind Unilever	2662.85	-21.50
ICICI Bank	940.20	-12.70
IndusInd Bank	1173.90	6.10
Infosys	1657.10	22.15
ITC	339.55	-0.45
JSW Steel	746.30	2.90
Kotak Bank	1934.30	-12.75
L&T	2104.25	29.40
M&M	1293.45	-12.15
Maruti Suzuki	8958.15	-16.00
NestleIndia	20049.50	-134.35
NTPC	172.20	0.00
ONGC	140.05	-1.05
PowerGrid Corp	221.90	-2.10
Reliance Ind	2723.30	-8.05
SBI Life	1290.75	7.85
State Bank	608.10	5.65
Sun Pharma	1046.45	0.40
TataConsumerProduct	813.20	-4.85
Tata Motors	438.25	-1.15
Tata Steel	110.75	3.10
TCS	3475.65	84.85
Tech Mahindra	1101.50	24.50
Titan	2638.70	-14.30
UltraTech Cement	7274.00	197.00
UPL	778.85	-10.85
Wipro	413.70	6.80

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.02	81.34
Euro	84.55	84.89
British Pound	98.56	98.95
Japanese Yen (100)	59.46	59.70
Chinese Yuan	11.43	11.48
Swiss Franc	85.64	85.99
Singapore Dollar	59.64	59.89
Canadian Dollar	60.33	60.58
Malaysian Ringitt	18.37	18.46
Australian Dollar	55.08	55.32

Source:Indian Bank

Coal India's production rises 17% in April-Nov.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Coal India Ltd. said it produced 412.6 million tonnes of coal in the April-November period of the current fiscal and expressed confidence it will surpass the the output target set for the current financial year.

The PSU had produced 353.4 MT in the year-earlier period. Coal India Ltd., which accounts for over 80% of domestic coal output, is eyeing a production of 700 million tonnes in the current financial year.

RBI sets riders for Carlyle, Advent to buy Yes Bank stake

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's central bank has given conditional approval to U.S. private equity firms Carlyle Group Inc. and Advent International for their purchase of a combined 20% stake in Yes Bank, the private-sector lender said.

"The investors are evaluating the conditions," Mumbai-based Yes Bank said, adding that the bank and the investors will engage with the Reserve Bank of India to seek an early resolution of the conditions and get final approval. It was not immediately clear what the conditions were.

Carlyle, Advent, Yes Bank and the RBI did not immediately respond to Reuters' e-mailed requests for comment.

Yes Bank had, in July, said it would raise $1.1 billion from Carlyle and Advent for a 10% stake each in the bank, as it looked to boost its capital and fund growth. The funds were to be raised by the lender by issuing shares worth $640 million and share warrants worth $475 million.

Granules to set up packaging unit in U.S. for $12.5 million

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Granules India is foraying into pharmaceutical packaging operation in the U.S. with a $12.5 million investment in a new facility at Prince William County, Virginia.

The facility would be a part of its Consumer Health division.

Granules will be leasing 79,000 sq. ft. and will build packaging lines and clean rooms to package and ship pharmaceuticals, the company said.

India said to offer incentives to boost shipbuilding industry

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India plans to offer cash subsidies, lower taxes and other incentives to bolster its shipbuilding industry, two government sources said, as part of an effort to reduce the pain of high freight rates for the nation's manufacturers.

The plans include subsidies so that at least 50 new vessels can be built, as well as granting 'infrastructure status' to the industry which would help with financing from banks, said the government officials.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to announce the plans when she presents the Budget for 2023/24 in Parliament on February 1, a senior government official told Reuters.

A Finance Ministry spokesman declined to comment on the matter.

A government panel has told the Ministry that local tax rules deter investment in the shipping industry, compared with the tax regimes of Singapore, Malta, Cyprus and Panama, where most of the of global carriers were registered.

The cost of ship making was up to 20% lower in India compared with Indonesia and Philippines, the panel said.

India could save at least $25 billion a year in foreign exchange if government incentives helped private firms to develop local shipping industry, said FIEO director general Ajai Sahai.

Govt. invites EoI for 50.8% stake in NMDC Steel

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Centre set in motion the strategic disinvestment process of 50.79% stake in NMDC Steel Ltd. (NSL) by inviting expression of interest from bidders.

The Centre will offer its balance 10% stake in NSL to NMDC Ltd. post identification of strategic buyer through a competitive bidding process. NSL will be the entity behind the 3-million tonne integrated steel plant that NMDC is setting up in Chhattisgarh.

Sport

Record-breaking England puts Pakistan attack to the sword

ENG IN PAKISTAN

Agence France-Presse
RAWALPINDI

Zak Crawley (122), Ben Duckett (107), Ollie Pope (108) and Harry Brook (101 n.o.) scored hundreds as England piled up a record 506 for four on the opening day of the first Test against Pakistan on Thursday.

Brook hit six consecutive fours off one over from debutant spinner Saud Shakeel, becoming the fourth after Chris Gayle and Ramnaresh Sarwan and Sanath Jayasuriya to do it in Tests.

The scores: England 506/4 in 75 overs (Zak Crawley 122, Ben Duckett 107, Ollie Pope 108, Harry Brook 101 n.o., Ben Stokes 34 n.o.) vs Pakistan.

In full flow: Brook's knock contained 14 fours and two sixes.

Most runs on Day 1 of a men's Test

506	England *vs* Pakistan	Rawalpindi	2022
494	Australia *vs* South Africa	Sydney	1910
482	Australia *vs* South Africa	Adelaide	2012
475	England *vs* Australia	The Oval	1934
471	England *vs* India	The Oval	1936

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

Labuschagne and Smith hit double centuries

Agence France-Presse
PERTH

Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne struck masterful double centuries on Thursday to put Australia in firm control of the first Test against the West Indies at Perth Stadium.

The hosts declared at 598 for four soon after tea on day two, allowing Smith, who matched legendary countryman Donald Bradman with a 29th Test ton, to complete the 200-run milestone for the fourth time.

Labuschagne made 204 with Smith not out 200. Travis Head chipped in with a run-a-ball 99 to put a massive dent in any hope the West Indies had of winning its first Test in Australia in 25 years.

Smith... on par with Bradman. AP

At stumps, West Indies was 74 for no loss in reply.

The scores:

Australia 598/4 decl. in 152.4 overs (Usman Khawaja 65, Marnus Labuschagne 204, Steve Smith 200 n.o., Travis Head 99) vs West Indies 74/0 in 24 overs (Tagenarine Chanderpaul 47 batting).

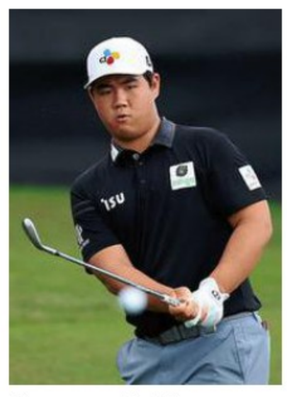
Debutant Kim among favourites

HERO CHALLENGE

Ashwin Achal
NASSAU

A strong field takes centrestage at the Hero World Challenge (HWC), which commences at Albany here on Thursday.

South Korean Tom Kim, who won the Wyndham Championship in August and the Shriners Children's Open in October, is among the favourites. Kim, 20, is one of six golfers to make his HWC debut. PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Cameron Young, International Presidents Cup team members Corey Conners and Sungjae Im, former Open Championship winner Shane Lowry, and multi-time Tour winner Max Homa are the other debutants.



Kim... eye on the title. AFP

Norwegian Viktor Hovland, who pulled the rug from under Collin Morikawa to win the title last year, will hope to go all the way.

Incidentally, Hovland and Morikawa are sharing a house here this week and have been paired together for the first round.

Spain's Jon Rahm, the 2018 HWC champion, enters the tournament in good form. Rahm may not have won a Major this year, but he has returned some great results. "I won three times worldwide and my percentage of top-10s has stayed close to 50%," Rahm said.

Scottie Scheffler, the reigning Masters champion and Jordan Spieth, the 2015 Green Jacket winner, will go out together.

Sepp Straka, who won his first PGA Tour event at The Honda Classic earlier this year, replaces Tiger Woods in the field. Woods, the tournament host, withdrew due to a foot injury.

This marks the seventh year that the Ernie Els-designed Albany will play host to the HWC.

(The author is in Nassau on invitation from Hero MotoCorp).

TAKING IT UP

French football federation to file complaint over disallowed goal

The French soccer federation is filing a complaint with FIFA over Antoine Griezmann's disallowed goal at the end of a 1-0 loss to Tunisia. Griezmann drilled in a low shot in the final minute of stoppage time on Wednesday. Referee Matthew Conger ruled out the equaliser for offside following a video review.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Australia defender Degenek's next task? Stop Messi

Australia will put its bodies on the line to stop Lionel Messi and Argentina, tough-tackling Milos Degenek warned. "I have always loved Messi, I think he is the greatest to have played the game," he said. "It's not an honour to play against him because he is just a human. It is an honour to be in the round of 16 of a World Cup."

GET WELL SOON

Brazil coach Tite wishes 'good health' to Pele

Brazil coach Tite said on Thursday his thoughts were with Pele after the icon was hospitalised in Sao Paulo for a "re-evaluation" of his treatment following a colon tumour last year. "We all want to wish good health to Pele, our greatest representative, the extraterrestrial who is terrestrial," Tite said at a press conference in Doha.

GOING AWOL

White to miss rest of WC after walking out of England camp

England defender Ben White was ruled out of the remainder of the World Cup after leaving the squad for "personal reasons", the FA said on Wednesday. White has returned to England after leaving the team's Al Wakrah training base and is "not expected to return to the squad for the remainder of the tournament."

Inept Belgium bows out after firing blanks against Croatia

The goalless draw takes Modric's men to the round of 16; Morocco puts it past Canada to top the group

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

A giant fell as Belgium's 'Golden Generation' left the Qatar World Cup with a whimper. It was a game between the runner-up and the third-placed team from 2018 and only one could go through as Morocco, playing Canada in the other game, was in no charitable mood.

For Belgium, which needed a win, Roberto Martinez – who later resigned from his post – benched captain Eden Hazard and included Leandro Trossard as his No. 9. Romelu Lukaku started on the bench again. Its attacking threat was almost non-existent as Croatia came out guns blazing, looking for an early goal.

Ivan Perisic almost gave it the lead from kick-off, his shot a little wayward after a bouncing Luka Modric through ball.

The Belgian Reds did show some spine with Yannick Carrasco leading the fightback from the left with some nimble footwork. An opportunity soon came his way in the 10th minute, but he blasted it into orbit after a cutback from the right eluded everyone and reached him on the other side.

For the first time in this edition, Kevin de Bruyne – for a fleeting few seconds – looked like the player he is for Manchester City, his bulldozing straight run sending opponents to the side. His final pass came to Dries Mertens inside the box, but the Napoli player curled it high and wide.

Croatia earned a penalty in the 15th minute as Carrasco caught Andrej Kramaric with a lazy tackle inside the box, but referee Anthony Taylor decided to check it on the pitch-side monitor.

Dejan Lovren was penalised for a wafer-thin offside in the lead up.

Messing it up: Belgium's Lukaku, left, was guilty of missing a raft of chances, including this one when he had the Croatians at his mercy. AP

With Morocco already 2-0 up (final score 2-1), the African fans in the crowd cheered on even as panic set in on the Belgians.

Leander Dendoncker again found Mertens with a pass, but the latter's touch in front of goal was as hilarious and harmless as a toddler's attempted kick.

Lukaku was finally on the pitch but he was left shaking his head in disbelief after missing a sitter when Carrasco's blocked effort fell in his path.

The target-man missed again as a Thomas Meunier kick came his way; he just chested it to Dominik Livakovic in the Croatian goal.

The Belgians coaxed their creaking bones to rediscover their magic, but their tiring bodies were not in sync and the decisive blow never arrived.

The results:
Group F: Croatia 0 drew with Belgium 0; Canada 1 (Aguerd 40-og) lost to Morocco 2 (Ziyech 4, En-Nesyri 23).

Final Group F Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Morocco (Q)	3	2	1	0	3	7
Croatia (Q)	3	1	2	0	3	5
Belgium	3	1	1	1	-1	4
Canada	3	0	0	3	-5	0

Q: QUALIFIED

Messi masterminds Argentina's entry into the pre-quarterfinals

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

He missed a penalty, did not score a goal, but Lionel Messi was yet again omnipresent, finding paths for the ball where none existed.

For a moment at the Stadium 974 it looked like the stars were not aligned as Messi's penalty was stopped (40th minute), Wojciech Szczesny's big right hand delivering justice to the soft spot-kick awarded for a softer brush by the goalkeeper on Messi's forehead. The Argentina captain can also be good at theatrics (it's not just Neymar's domain), he rolled on the floor but was up soon.

Argentina created enough in the first 45 minutes, veterans Messi and Angel Di Maria finding their years of chemistry yet again.

Poland failed to utilise its own talisman, Robert Lewandoski, leaving him lonely upfront. Poland had just four shots to Argentina's 23, and none were on target.

But with no goals scored in the first half, the nervous energy was palpable around the park. Argentina came out ready to get its job done, but the Poles made it wait, trudging out nearly two minutes late.

Sealing it!
But the goal took less time coming! Alexis Mac Allister of Scottish-Irish descent mistimed his contact to a Nahuel Molina cut back but it was good enough to evade Szczesny's fingertips, hit the post and settle inside.

For the next 25 minutes the purple-blue Argentines were like a splotch of ink blotting every bit of the green grass as Poland was confined to its own half.

The second goal arrived in spectacular fashion when Julian Alvarez picked up a pass from Enzo Fernandez and buried the ball into the roof of the net in the 67th minute. The game was won, the knockouts secured, and the missed penalty and the first-match loss were on no one's mind.

Argentina, now enjoying the liberation, could have scored a few more and ended the Polish dreams. Lewandoski's boys were hanging by a thread as Mexico was winning the other game against Saudi Arabia.

The points were the same, as was the goal difference, and Poland was going through only on yellow card counts – four to Mexico's seven. Pretty soon it was five to seven as Grzegorz Krychowuak was booked.

But in the end the Saudis scored, and this abject defeat didn't put the Poles out of the World Cup.

The results: Group C: Poland 0 lost to Argentina 2 (Mac Allister 46, Alvarez 67); Saudi Arabia 1 (Al-Dawsari 90+5) lost to Mexico 2 (Martin 47, Chavez 52).

Coming to the party: Julian Alvarez celebrates after his spectacular strike for Argentina's second goal. AP

Final Group C Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Argentina (Q)	3	2	0	1	3	6
Poland (Q)	3	1	1	1	0	4
Mexico	3	1	1	1	-1	4
Saudi Arabia	3	1	0	2	-2	3

Q: QUALIFIED

Ghana downplays talk of revenge as it aims to stop Uruguay in its tracks

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

The last group games have very little value for Brazil and Portugal, who have made it to the knockouts after two handsome wins in their first two games. But still there are a few mouth-watering clashes – including Uruguay's must-win match against Ghana, which it had controversially eliminated in 2010.

Luis Suarez, who stopped the certain Ghanaian winner with his hand, is still there but not Asamoah Gyan, who missed the resultant penalty. Ghana is better placed with three points and a neutral goal difference, and a draw will also take it through if South Korea (1 and -1) fails to beat Portugal. A Korean win will decide the final spot on goal difference.

Though, the hurt is still very raw, but Ghanaian coach Otto Addo tried distancing his team from talks of revenge. "It will be very difficult, but I am confident to know that we can win this game," Addo said. "I'm not a guy that thinks much of revenge. It was really, really long time ago that this incident happened, and I am a strong believer if you don't seek too much revenge on these things sometimes you get the blessings."

Suarez raised the temperature further by not apologising about the incident ahead of the clash. "I don't say I apologise about that because I take the handball, but the Ghana player missed the penalty, not me," he said. "Those that are talking about revenge, were eight at the time, they have only seen it in images."

With Suarez and Edinson Cavani not finding the goals, coach Diego Alonso, the unfamiliar figure on the Uruguay bench after 15 years of Oscar Tabarez's reign, also played down the events from the past.

"Both of us will go in search of merit. Friday will be the decider, but it is a very different story from what happened 12 years ago," he said. "We have a lot of confidence; I still believe in these players."

In Group G, a win for Serbia and Cameroon over Switzerland and Brazil would bring goal difference to the equation to decide the second-placed team. For Switzerland, a draw would be enough if Brazil doesn't lose to the Indomitable Lions.

Round of 16 fixtures*
December 3: Netherlands (Group A winner) vs USA (Group B runner-up), 8.30 p.m.; Argentina (Group C winner) vs Australia (Group D runner-up), 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
December 4: France (Group D winner) vs Poland (Group C runner-up), 8.30 p.m.; England (Group B winner) vs Senegal (Group A runner-up), 12.30 a.m. (Monday)
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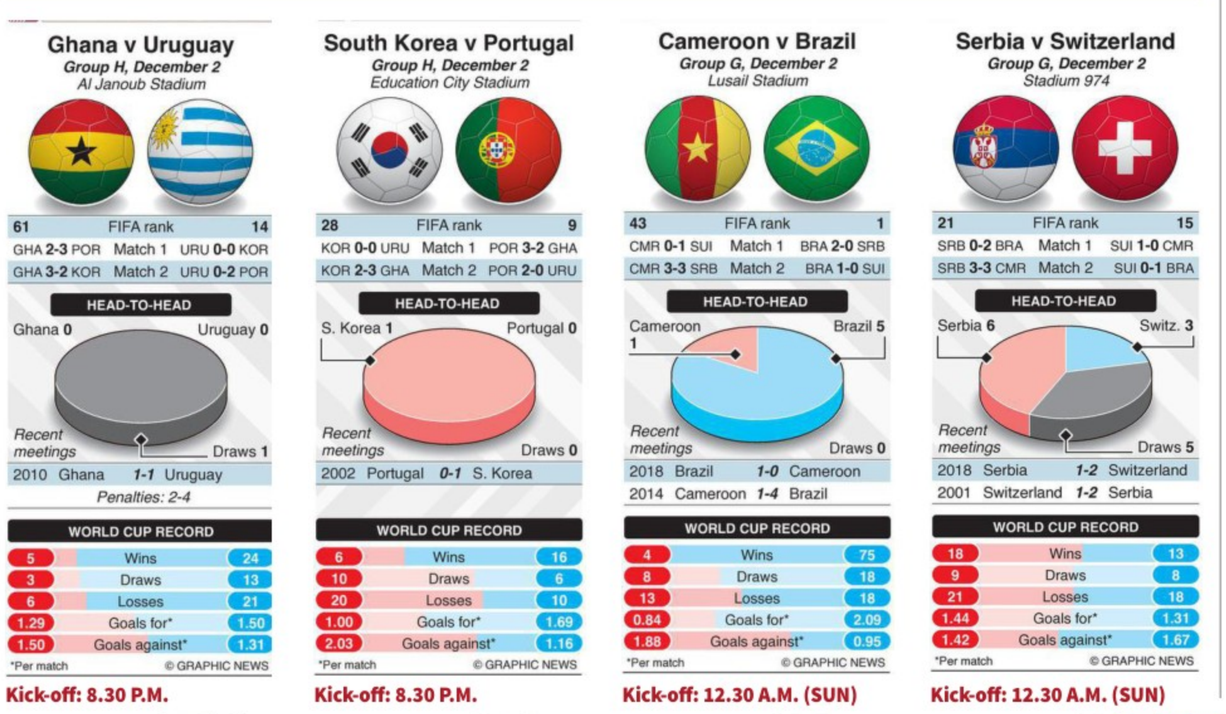
TODAY'S FIESTA


Ghana v Uruguay
Group H, December 2
Al Janoub Stadium
61 FIFA rank 14
GHA 2-3 POR Match 1 URU 0-0 KOR
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HEAD-TO-HEAD
Ghana 0 Uruguay 0
Recent meetings Draws 1
2010 Ghana 1-1 Uruguay
Penalties: 2-4
WORLD CUP RECORD
5 Wins 24
3 Draws 13
6 Losses 21
1.29 Goals for* 1.50
1.50 Goals against* 1.31
*Per match © GRAPHIC NEWS
Kick-off: 8.30 P.M.
South Korea v Portugal
Group H, December 2
Education City Stadium
28 FIFA rank 9
KOR 0-0 URU Match 1 POR 3-2 GHA
KOR 2-3 GHA Match 2 POR 2-0 URU
HEAD-TO-HEAD
S. Korea 1 Portugal 0
Recent meetings Draws 0
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WORLD CUP RECORD
6 Wins 16
10 Draws 6
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Kick-off: 8.30 P.M.
Cameroon v Brazil
Group G, December 2
Lusail Stadium
43 FIFA rank 1
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*Per match © GRAPHIC NEWS
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2001 Switzerland 1-2 Serbia
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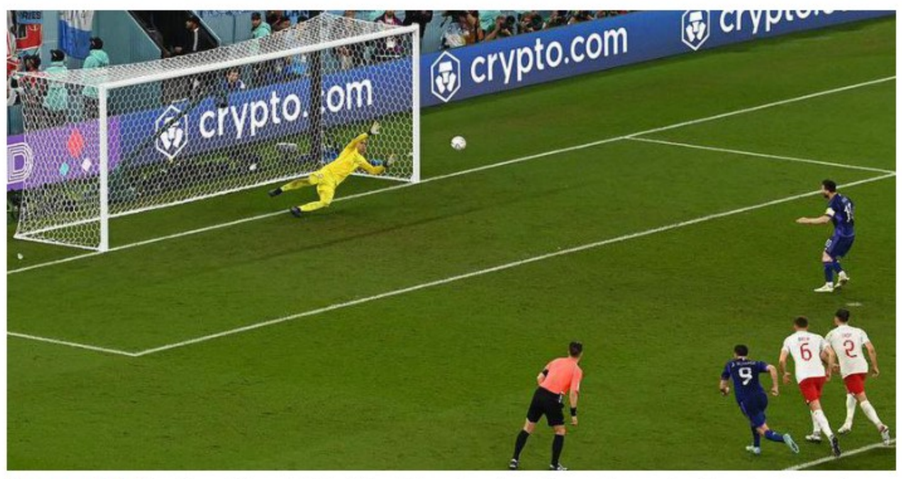


No omen this: Messi hasn't bought into fake divine signs from the past regarding his missed penalty. AFP

The team came out stronger after my mistake, says Messi

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

The WhatsApp University of the world was quick to tell us last night that Mario Kempes had missed a penalty in Argentina's third game in 1978 and the host won the championship; in 1986 Diego Maradona, too, missed a penalty in the third game against Bulgaria and Argentina of course won the Mexico Mundial and now Lionel Messi, as well, fluffed his penalty in the 2-0 win over Poland, the team's third match of the 2022 campaign. These omens could have foretold the future only if they were true.

The Argentine captain, thankfully, didn't buy into these fake divine signs from the past. "I am angry for missing the penalty, but the team came out stronger after my mistake. We knew that once the first goal was scored, it would change the game," Messi said. "The Mexico game gave us peace of mind."

Poland goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny lost his $100 on-field bet with Messi that referee Danny Makkelie, the Dutch police officer, won't award a penalty for his light smack on the Argentine's face but won this duel from six yards out.

The top spot in Group C gave Argentina an easier round-of-16 opponent in Australia.

"The match against Australia is going to be very difficult. It is a very even World Cup. There is no easy team to play. Anyone can beat anyone, and we have lived it first-hand," Messi said.

INBRIEF

Kadur and Gill set to resume the battle in K-1000 rally

The battle is all set to resume between championship leader Karna Kadur from Bengaluru and Delhi-based seven-time National champion Gaurav Gill in the Prasaditya 46th Karnataka-1000 rally, the third round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship, to be run near Tumakuru on Saturday and Sunday, after a ceremonial flag-off on Friday evening. The Prasaditya rally, which has attracted 65 entries, is being organised by Karnataka Motor Sports Club under the aegis of FMSCI. Kadur (co-driver Nikhil Pai) of Arka Motorsports leads the championship table with 72 points. National champion Gill (Musa Sherif), gunning for his eighth K-1000 title, has 44 points. The lead pair is followed by Aditya Thakur (Virender Kashyap) of Chettinad Sporting, in third place with 34 points.

991 players register for Tata IPL 2023 auction

A total of 991 players have registered for the Tata IPL 2023 auction to be held on December 23 in Kochi. The list includes 714 Indians and 277 overseas players. In the fray are 19 capped Indian players and 166 capped International players apart from 20 from Associate nations.

The countrywise break-up:
Afghanistan 14, Australia 57, Bangladesh 6, England 31, Ireland 8, Namibia 5, Netherlands 7, New Zealand 27, Scotland 2, South Africa 52, Sri Lanka 23, UAE 6, West Indies 33, Zimbabwe 6.

Bangladesh-A fights back after conceding huge lead to India-A

The Bangladesh-A batters gave a far better account of themselves on an eased track as they reached 172 for one in their second innings – after conceding a huge lead of 353 runs – after India A declared at an imposing 465 for five on the third day of the first unofficial 'Test' in Cox Bazar, Bangladesh, on Thursday.

The scores: Bangladesh-A 112 and 172/1 (Zakir Hasan 81 batting, Najmul Hossain Shanto 56 batting) vs India-A 465/5 decl. (Yashasvi Jaiswal 145, Abhimanyu Easwaran 142).

India u-19 women seal series against New Zealand u-19

The India under-19 women's team took an unassailable 3-0 lead, defeating New Zealand under-19 by 30 runs in the third T20 in Mumbai on Thursday. After Soniya Medhia (38) and G. Trisha (32) took India to 145 for eight in 20 overs, the bowlers took over. The fourth match will be played on Sunday.

The scores: India under-19 145/8 in 20 overs (Soniya Medhia 38, G. Trisha 32, Kayley Knight 4/24) bt New Zealand under-19 115/8 in 20 overs (Olivia Gain 40, Titas Sadhu 2/19, Sonam Yadav 2/18, Parshavi Chopra 2/15).

Mumbai City wins Konkan derby

The Indian Super League's Konkan derby turned into an one-sided affair with Mumbai City FC cruising past FC Goa 4-1 at the Mumbai Football Arena on Thursday. The hosts found the target through Jorge Pereyra Diaz's brace and strikes from Lallianzuala Chhangte and Alberto Noguera. Goa pulled level six minutes later as Lachenpa failed to collect Iker Guarrotxena's left-footer.

The result: Mumbai City FC 4 (Diaz 16 & 48, Chhangte 43, Noguera 55) bt FC Goa 1 (Guarrotxena 22).

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.50 a.m.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: Final, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9 a.m.

Pakistan vs England: 1st Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 a.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Saturday).

Hero World Challenge Golf: Eurosport (SD & HD), 12 a.m. (Saturday).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Chethan stars for Karnataka

L.R. Chethan (81) led Karnataka to a thumping eight-wicket win over Uttarakhand in the BCCI under-25 one-day trophy in Mohali on Thursday.

The scores: Uttarakhand 207/9 in 50 overs (Sanjeet Sajwan 36, Akhil Singh Rawat 33, Aryan Sharma 76 n.o.) lost to Karnataka 208/2 in 29.3 overs (L.R. Chethan 81, K.V. Aneesh 41 n.o., B.A. Mohith 57 n.o.).

Young Lions Club rides on Karan's ton

Karan Raghavendra's century was the highlight as Young Lions Club beat FUCC (1) by five wickets to enter the final of the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament. In the summit clash, Young Lions will take on Vultures CC which beat Dooravani Cricketers by six wickets.

The scores: FUCC (1) 263 in 48.3 overs (Rithvik Kulasekar 67, Dhruv Modhe 76, B. Sharvesh Kulothungan 37, Naitik Aswani 3/44) lost to Young Lions Club 265/5 in 49.1 overs (Karan Raghavendra 118, R. Nithin 75).

Dooravani Cricketers 98 in 25.4 overs (Harshit Pai 25, K. Gagan Sai 29, Krushna V. Rao 4/25, Medhas Mukund 3/10) lost to Vultures 99/4 in 27.3 overs (Mihran Abdul Rehman 31 n.o., S.P. Banesh 30 n.o., K. Gagan Sai 3/31).

L.R. Chethan.

Neelrattan shines

B. Neelrattan's all-round performance (53 & 4/37) helped Palar SC beat Elite Blues CC by 33 runs in the KSCA (Group I) fourth division league.

In another encounter, S. Mubarak scored an unbeaten ton (101 n.o.) as Jeevanbhimanagar CC beat Shantinagar Cricketers by 107 runs.

The scores:

Vikram 231/9 in 50 overs (S. Rohit 83, Manav Bhagat 25, Bharatb Badiger 50 n.o., S. Srikanth 3/26) bt Ranji 97 in 34 overs (Benedict Raj Badiger 3/16, P. Ganesh 3/8).

Star SC, Nelamangala 85 in 20.1 overs (Mohammed Ajmal 5/17) lost to Wadiyar 88/4 in 14 overs (Imran Pasha 28, Aleem 38).

Freelancers 183 in 38.1 overs (Pandianp 44, Pratap Singh 27, Omprakash Aglecha 28, Anil Kudekallu 4/34) lost to Standard 186/9 in 46.5 overs (C.K. Kishan 38, Anil Kudekallu 35, B. Shashank 34 n.o., R. Venkatesh 4/32).

National United 114 in 29.1 overs (Jeshwanth 29, T.V. Loukik 27 n.o., Rohan Desai 5/19) bt BEL Colony RC 99 in 23.3 overs (T. Chiranjeevi 27, Arieska 4/13).

Palar SC 248/9 in 50 overs (Guruprasad Swamy 137, B. Neelrattan 53, Deepak R. Nandhihalli 4/38) bt Elite Blues 215/8 in 50 overs (Ajay G. Suresh 48, G. Rajesh 51, G. Beerappa 48 n.o., B. Neelrattan 4/37).

Whirlwind Cricketers 272/7 in 50 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 83, Rahul Ghosh 29, K.V. Bharat 100 n.o., N.J. Deepak 3/44) lost to Young Pioneer 273/8 in 47.3 overs (H. Vinodh 40, R. Thofique 38, Mohammad Azharuddin 53, K. Vijay Kumar 58 n.o., Rahul Ghosh 3/49).

IISC Gymkhana 224 in 50 overs (Srijan Kumar 53, Priyabrata Maharana 57, Debarshi Ghosh 25, Chetan Urabinahatti 28, S. Dhananjaya 3/28, Karthik Ramanna 3/52) lost to Friends XI, Doddaballapura 225/3 in 36 overs (Raghuveer Rajpurohit 47, Dhyan Suvarna 47, Abid Ali 63 n.o., Raza Mehdi 54).

Minerva 295/9 in 50 overs (Rajath Sathish 32, M.P. Sachin Pande 75, Md. Ismail Hussain 67, Gaurov Shanbhag 3/57) bt Bharath 230 in 47.3 overs (Preetham 42, M. Guru Prasad 40 n.o., K. Hemadri 27, M.P. Sachin Pande 3/38).

Magadi 208 in 48.5 overs (K.N. Devaraj 38, Narendra Bhandari 29, Charan Raju 46 n.o., V. Surya 3/42, Mohnish A. Bharadwaj 3/30) lost to Jayanagar Colts 212/7 in 43.4 overs (Nagesh V. Rao 30, Zainul Abideen 35 n.o., Manjunath S. Hedge 69 n.o.).

Silky Town CC, Channapatna 169 in 31.5 overs (Syed Usaid Sakhaff 32, C. Kushal 82, N. Chethan Kumar 5/29, Jayaprakash Casala 3/36) lost to Duleep Cricketers 170/2 in 33.1 overs (S. Punith Kumar 84, Naveen Shankara 63 n.o.).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 286/9 in 50 overs (R. Pratham 43, M.G. Vinyas 78, S. Karthik 42, C.P. Tharesh 3/56) bt City Gymkhana 255/9 in 50 overs (Shekar Ramachandran 54, Chirag 31, H.B. Raghuveer 65 n.o., R. Kushal 26 n.o.).

Sparklers 267 in 50 overs (Nilesh Khilare 78, George Fernandis 28, Raghavendra Eswar Rao 44, Mahantesh 52) lost to Crescent (1) 268/7 in 41.2 overs (Preetham V. Khamkar 33, M. Karthik 27, Sathar Mohammad Adnan 77, A.R. Ullas 65).

Jeevanbhimanagar 303/8 in 50 overs (S. Mubarak 101 n.o., Karan Kumar Sharma 39) bt Shanthinagar Cricketers 196 in 49.3 overs (N. Preetham 80, Dhyaan Aithal 30, Rishab Krish 63, Nouman Rahaman Khan 3/20, Karan Kumar Sharma 3/37).

Young Lions Club 267 in 47.4 overs (B. Yogesh Kumar 45, M.R. Raghu 84, Abhishek Bopanna 4/28) bt Maharana 261 in 49 overs (Hari Rajiv 75, Deshbhandari Sadashiva Shyamsundar 37, A.M. Yashwin Nanjappa 27, Pavan Kumar 4/36).

Friends Cricket Team 150 in 38.4 overs (B. Santhosh 27, Rohith N. Jain 47, F. Mohammed Asif 27, Prathap 3/27, S. Darshith 3/21, Arya J. Gowda 3/18) lost to Malleswaram United 152/3 in 20.1 overs (Prathap 69).

YFA SC 235 in 50 overs (Gaurav Kumar Sharma 102, Malaya 39) lost to Merchants (2) 238/5 in 46.5 overs (Bharath Kalachar 48, Shabaz Pasha 36, M. Arun 65 n.o., N.J. Gowtham 45 n.o.).

Crucial wins for FCBU and Sporting

Title contenders FC Bengaluru United (45 points, 17 matches) and Sporting Club Bengaluru (46p, 18m) notched up crucial wins in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Thursday.

While FCBU overcame ASC & Center 3-1, Sporting edged Roots FC 1-0 to keep up the pressure on FCBU which has a game in hand.

The results: BFC 5 (Monirul Molla 8, 83, P. Ankith 40, Satish Singh Gurjar (OG) 58, Rajan Bir Singh 64) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 0; FCBU 3 (Mohammed Kdouh 12, 37, Selwyn Miranda 70) bt ASC & Center FC 1 (Tongbram Krishna Kanta 90+2); Rebels FC 1 (Dawaqnchwa Carlos Challem 55) bt Bangalore Eagles FC 0; Sporting Club Bengaluru 1 (Kouassi Bernard Yao 79) bt Roots FC 0.

Unnati enters quarterfinals

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Top seed Unnati Hooda beat Nutchavee Sittiteeranan of Thailand and entered the quarterfinals of the women's singles U-17 category of the Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Junior Championships in Thailand on Thursday. Unnati defeated 14th seed Nutchavee Sittiteeranan of Thailand 21-11, 21-19 in a round of 16 match.

In another women's U-17 match, India's Anmol Kharb was shown the door by Malaysia's Dania Sofea 17-21, 21-19, 13-21.

Karnataka advances

Sports Bureau

Karnataka women defeated West Bengal 69-58 in the 72nd National basketball championship in Udaipur on Thursday and entered the quartefinals where it will meet UP.

The results: Women:

Karnataka 69 (Lopamudra 19, Roshni John 14, Pavani 10) bt West Bengal 58 (Vaishnavi 28).

Malhotra to chair CAC, Paranjpe is member

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Ashok Malhotra and Jatin Paranjape have replaced Madan Lal and Rudra Pratap Singh in the Board of Control for Cricket in India's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).

Former Test cricketer Malhotra, who recently completed his term as first president of the Indian Cricketers' Association, will chair the committee. Former India woman cricketer Sulakshana Naik has been retained in the committee.

The committee's first task will be shortlisting candidates for the National Selection Committee's posts, in consultation with BCCI office-bearers, and proposing candidates after conducting interviews of the nearly 80 applicants.

The process is likely to be completed before the next weekend.

Malhotra will take over from Madan Lal, who was ineligible to continue after having crossed 70 years of age.

Paranjape, the former ODI cricketer and national selector, has come in for R.P. Singh, who has joined IPL franchise Mumbai Indians as talent scout.

Malhotra has represented India in seven Tests and 20 ODIs and recently served as president of the Indian Cricketers' Association. Paranjape has played four ODIs and was member of the Senior Men's Selection Committee.

Nihal Sarin and Anna Ushenina emerge champions

TATA STEEL CHESS

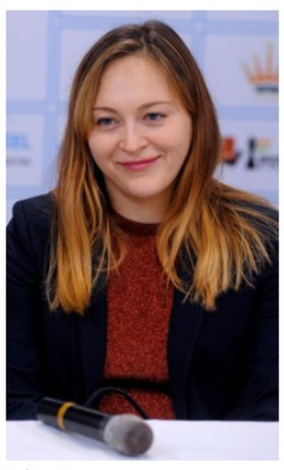
P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

If it was Arjun Erigaisi last year, it is Nihal Sarin this year – the teenaged Indian champion at the Tata Steel Chess India at the National Library here on Thursday.

Interestingly, Arjun spoiled Nihal's party a bit in the end, winning their final round game with what turned out to be some remarkably precise preparation, but the latter had already pocketed the top prize in the rapid section. Arjun finished runner-up.

Round to spare

Nihal, in fact, won the tournament with a round to spare. "It's easily my best performance," said the 18-year-old from Thrissur, Kerala.



The toppers: Nihal Sarin and Anna Ushenina. DEBASISH BHADURI

Ukraine's Anna Ushenina emerged the champion in the women's event after winning both her tie-breaker games against Georgia's Nana Dzagnidze.

"I think I should only play in India," she said smiling, referring to the gold medal the Ukraine women's won at the Chess Olympiad in Chennai three months ago.

The results (Indians unless specified): Open: Ninth round: S.P. Sethuraman 2 lost to Hikaru Nakamura (US) 4.5; Wesley So (US) 4 bt D. Gukesh 4.5; Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze) 4.5 drew with Vidit Gujrathi 4.5; Parham Maghsoodloo (IRI) 4 drew with Nodiberk Abdusattarov (Uzb) 4.5; Arjun Erigaisi 6 bt Nihal Sarin 6.5.

Standings: 1. Nihal, 2. Arjun, 3-7. Vidit, Nakamura, Gukesh, Mamedyarov and Abdusattorov; 8-9. Maghsoodloo and Wesley; 10. Sethuraman.

Women: Ninth round: Oliwia Kiolbasa (Pol) 4.5 bt Koneru Humpy 5; Anna Ushenina (Ukr) 6.5 drew with R. Vaishali 5; D. Harika 5.5 bt B. Savitha Shri 1; Nana Dagnidze (Geo) 6.5 drew with Mariya Muzychuk (Ukr) 5; Vantika Agrawal 3 bt Anna Muzychuk (Ukr) 3.

Tie-breaker: Nana Dzagnidze lost to Anna Ushenina 0-2.

Standings: 1-2. Ushenina and Dzagnidze; 3. Harika, 4-6. Mariya, Humpy and Vaishali; 7. Kiolbasa 4.5; 8-9. Vantika and Anna; 10. Anna and Savitha.

Saurashtra and Maharashtra tussle for domestic one-day crown

HAZARE TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Forget about the start of the tournament, not even last week – when 11 teams arrived on the banks of the Sabarmati for the knockouts – would anyone have predicted a Saurashtra-Maharashtra final for the domestic one-day crown.

Glorious uncertainties, indeed!

The western underdogs will lock horns at the Narendra Modi Stadium in the Vijay Hazare Trophy final on Friday in a bid to stamp their supremacy in the format.

Despite being the most consistent outfit from the zone over the last five years across formats, the Ranji-glory-driven domestic cricket fraternity still considers Saurashtra the least potent of the three teams from Gujarat.

Similarly, Maharashtra – one of the three – have been perennial under-performers across formats, having lifted just a solitary domestic title since its consecutive Ranji titles eight decades ago.

Zestful: Hangargekar will be buoyed by the prospect of extra bounce on the pitch. M. VEDHAN

While Saurashtra will be playing its third final and will be chasing its second title since Jaydev Shah's men defeated Bengal in 2007-08, Maharashtra will be hoping to make its maiden final a memorable one.

The captains – Jaydev Unadkat and Ruturaj Gaikwad – have played sterling roles thus far and will be keen to repeat their heroics and ending the day with a smile.

In fact, the mini-battle between Unadkat and Ruturaj could well prove to be decisive.

If Ruturaj can blunt Unadkat's early aggression, it will certainly boost Maharashtra's chances of lifting the trophy.

Missing stars

Just like in the semifinal, Saurashtra will be without left-arm pacer Chetan Sakariya, injured while taking a sensational catch in the deep in the quarterfinal, in seam-friendly conditions at Motera.

Maharashtra will be without star batter Rahul Tripathi's services, who flew to Bangladesh after the semifinal for India's ODI series.

Ankeet Bawane, the senior-most Maharashtra batter, is a doubtful starter after hurting his right quadricep muscle during his hundred in the semifinal.

The team management will take a call on him in the morning, but Naushad Shaikh has been called up as a back-up. Pavan Shah, the reserve opener, is set to partner Ruturaj in Tripathi's absence.

While Maharashtra's batters will have to adopt a cautious approach, its pace attack, led by IPL star Mukesh Choudhary and promising youngster Rajvardhan Hangargekar, will be eager for their maiden outing in the main stadium.

Choudhary will be looking forward to emulating Unadkat's success with left-arm pace. Hangargekar – having picked up nine wickets on flat-beds in the last two games – will be excited at the prospect of extra bounce.

It's Last Wish vs. Shubankar

BENGALURU: Last Wish and Shubankar may fight out the finish of the Jayanth Shah Memorial Trophy (1,400m), the main event of the opening day's races to be held here on Friday (Dec. 2).

False rails (width about 4m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 INAUGURATION PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 2-15 p.m.: 1. Brooklyn Supreme (9) Chetan K 62.5, 2. Sweet Kiss (2) Darshan 61, 3. Elite Agent (3) Tauseef 60.5, 4. Rightly Noble (1) A. Imran 60.5, 5. Cash Out (4) Antony 59, 6. Estella (11) Likith Appu 58.5, 7. Immortal Guest (5) Shreyas S 58, 8. Praia Do Cassino (8) Ranjeet S 57.5, 9. Prefect Halo (6) Rajesh K 57, 10. Konichiwa (7) R. Vaibhav 55 and 11. Activated (10) Vivek 54.

1. RIGHTLY NOBLE, 2. CASH OUT, 3. ACTIVATED

2 MAN'O'WAR PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-45: 1. Contador (3) Antony 57, 2. Ooh La La (4) P. Mani 57, 3. Scarlet Ibis (6) Chetan K 57, 4. Siege Courageous (5) Srinath 57, 5. Sunway Lagoon (1) Rayan 57, 6. Emma (9) R. Vaibhav 55.5, 7. Firefinch (10) Jagadeesh 55.5, 8. My Solitaire (2) S. Shareef 55.5, 9. The Sound Of Music (7) P. Siddaraju 55.5 and 10. The Strikingly (8) Sai Kiran 55.5.

1. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 2. CONTADOR, 3. EMMA

3 ALMATTI PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-15: 1. See My Heels (5) R. Manjunath 60, 2. Czarevitch (9) Darshan 55.5, 3. English Bay (3) Srinath 55.5, 4. Mace (6) Vivek 55.5, 5. The Grey Geranium (8) Sai Kiran 55.5, 6. Secret Lady (7) Antony 54, 7. Meghann (1) Jagadeesh 53, 8. Chiraag (2) M. Chandrashekar 51 and 9. Sling Shot (4) Salman K 51.

1. CZAREVITCH, 2. ENGLISH BAY, 3. SECRET LADY

4 ALTENBURG PLATE (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-45: 1. Aldgate (7) Antony 57, 2. Mighty Zo (1) Srinath 57, 3. Ripple N Storm (3) Ashok K 57, 4. Sir Tyrrell (8) Rayan 57, 5. Sleipnir (2) R. Ajinkya 57, 6. Stormy Ocean (9) Trevor 57, 7. Tignanello (6) R. Vaibhav 57, 8. Capriati (10) Suraj 55.5, 9. Stellar Gold (5) Darshan 55.5 and 10. Triple Wish (4) S. Shareef 55.5.

1. STORMY OCEAN, 2. ALDGATE, 3. TIGNANELLO

5 JAYANTH SHAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-15: 1. Last Wish (1) Trevor 60, 2. Spectacular (8) Md. Akram 59, 3. Prime Abbess (9) Vinod Shinde 57, 4. Shubankar (7) Srinath 56, 5. Tranquilo (4) Antony 55, 6. Four Wheel Drive (5) D. Patel 54.5, 7. Ombudsman (2) Jagadeesh 54.5, 8. Osiris (6) P. Siddaraju 54 and 9. Rapidus (3) Likith Appu 52.

1. LAST WISH, 2. SHUBANKAR, 3. TRANQUILO

6 MAN'O'WAR PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-45: 1. Alcides Synergy (1) A. Imran 57, 2. Archway (2) Antony 57, 3. Blues Ballad (3) Srinath 57, 4. Burning Arrow (4) Rajesh K 57, 5. Glow In The Dark (6) S. Shareef 57, 6. Riveting (7) Shreyas S 57, 7. Super Veloce (5) Chetan K 57, 8. The Republic Power (9) Sai Kiran 57 and 9. Tripitaka (8) B.L. Paswan 55.5.

1. BLUES BALLAD, 2. ALCIDES SYNERGY, 3. ARCHWAY

7 ALMATTI PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-15: 1. Star Admiral (6) Darshan 62, 2. Shamrock (8) Suraj 60, 3. The Golden Dream (3) Sai Kiran 59, 4. Montelena (1) Likith Appu 58.5, 5. Habanero (7) Tousif K 56, 6. Jersey Legend (4) Rayan 56, 7. Able One (5) B.L. Paswan 55.5, 8. Sheer Bliss (9) Adarsh 55.5, 9. Urban Borbon (10) Antony 55 and 10. Double Vision (2) Vinod Shinde 53.5.

1. SHAMROCK, 2. MONTELENA, 3. URBAN BORBON

Day's best: **SIEGE COURAGEOUS**
Double: **STORMY OCEAN – SHAMROCK**
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.